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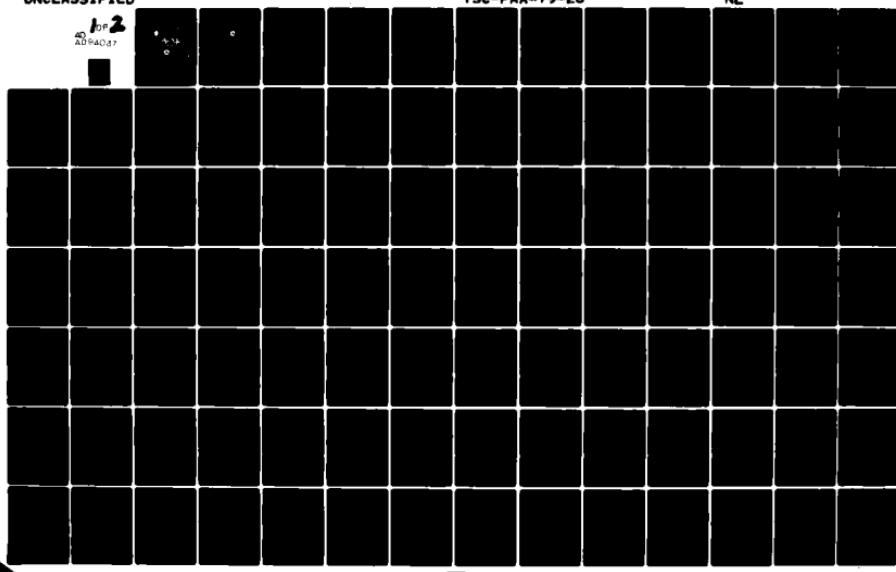
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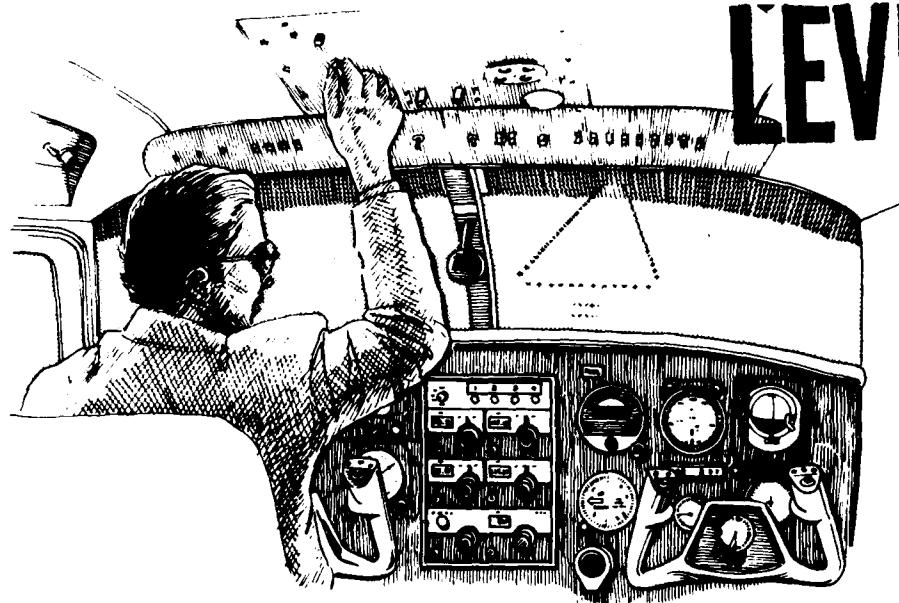


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PREFACE

This report describes the 1976 avionics data study performed by the Transportation Systems Center (TSC) and Wilson-Hill Associates, Inc., under Project Plan Agreement FA-943, sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Management Systems, Information and Statistics Division. It is the third in the series General Aviation Avionics Statistics, which TSC produced for the same sponsor and which contains the groundwork for future issues. TSC performed the previous studies as part of a continuing program to assure the quality and usefulness of general aviation data. The study is based on information collected by the FAA and processed by the TSC.

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°C	°F (°C + 32)	°F (°C + 32)	°C	°C	°C	°F (°C + 32)	°F (°C + 32)	°C	°F (°C + 32)
Approximate Conversions to Metric Measures									
When You Know	Multiply by	To Find	Symbol						
					LENGTH				
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ounces	0.36	liters	lt.	ounces	liters	0.36	liters	lt.	
gallons	2.0	liters	lt.	gallons	liters	2.0	liters	lt.	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document is the third in the General Aviation Avionics Statistics report series, and presents avionics statistics and other descriptive information for the 1976 general aviation (GA) aircraft fleet. The report series results from a study which was designed first, to develop a framework for the GA fleet relating airborne avionics equipment to aircraft capability to perform in the National Airspace System (NAS), and second, within this framework to analyze the activity and other characteristics of the GA fleet.

The source of data for the study was the FAA's 1976 Aircraft Statistical Master (ASM) File, created by merging information from two primary sources: 1) GA aircraft owners' responses to the Aircraft Registration Eligibility, Identification and Activity Report, AC Form 8050-73, mailed annually to all U.S. civil aircraft owners, and 2) the Aircraft Registration File. In addition to air carrier records, the ASM File contained one record for each of the 203,332 validly registered GA aircraft as of December 31, 1976. However, because avionics information was not available for all GA aircraft, this report is based only on 128,827 GA aircraft, or 63.4 percent of the 1976 GA fleet.

In developing the framework for analyzing the capabilities of the GA fleet, the main assumption was that the avionics equipment contained in an aircraft determined the maximum capabilities of that aircraft to perform in the NAS. The word "capability" was used to mean where and under what conditions an aircraft could fly, at what airports it could land, and to what extent it could participate in various navigation, communication, and landing systems. Capability groups were defined, each group consisting of a combination of avionics equipment and the associated capabilities.

By assigning each GA aircraft to its appropriate capability groups according to its avionics configuration, and then studying the differences in characteristics among the groups, relationships between the level of avionics in an aircraft and other physical and operating characteristics could be drawn.

Some of the significant findings, based on the 128,827 GA aircraft for which avionics information was available, are listed below:

- While only about 13 percent of the GA fleet have the avionics equipment required to fly above 18,000 feet in positive controlled airspace, this number has grown nearly 80 percent since 1974.
- Almost 80 percent of the GA fleet can fly IFR.
- Over 16 percent of the GA fleet can land at Group I Terminal Control Areas (TCA's).
- At least 50 percent of the GA fleet have some degree of instrument landing system (ILS) receiving capability.
- From 1975 to 1976 there was a significant increase in the proportion of aircraft with avionics equipment enabling them to land at Group I TCA's and to fly in positive controlled airspace.
- As the level of avionics in an aircraft increases,
 - primary uses change from mostly personal to mostly business and executive,
 - the type of aircraft becomes more sophisticated,
 - the aircraft usage (number of hours flown) increases,
 - the age of the aircraft decreases.
- From 1976 to 1976 there was a ten percent increase in the proportion of aircraft with two-way communications.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

1.1.1 General Aviation (GA)

The term "general aviation" is defined for the purposes of this report as all aircraft in the U.S. civil air fleet except those operated under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Parts 121 and 127. These two parts cover the operations of fixed wing aircraft and rotorcraft, respectively, that 1) have been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Civil Aeronautics Board authorizing the performance of scheduled air transportation over specified routes and a limited amount of non-scheduled operations, and 2) are used by large aircraft commercial operators. General aviation thus includes aircraft operated under FAR:

- Part 91: General operating and flight rules.
- Part 123: Certification and operations:
air travel clubs using large
airplanes.
- Part 133: Rotorcraft external load operations.
- Part 135: Air taxi operators and commercial
operators of small aircraft.
- Part 137: Agricultural aircraft operations.

General aviation offers such varied services as air taxi, air cargo, industrial, agricultural, business, personal, instructional, research, patrol, and sport flying. General aviation aircraft range in complexity from simple gliders and balloons to four engine turbojets.

1.1.2 Avionics

The term avionics, as used in this report, refers to the air-borne electronic equipment used by aircraft to transmit and receive various forms of radio signals for purposes of navigation, communication, tracking and landing the aircraft. Some examples are the VHF communications equipment which transmits and receives voice communications via very high frequency radio waves, and the radar altimeter which determines the aircraft's altitude above the terrain by bouncing radio waves off the ground below.

1.2 BACKGROUND

The General Aviation Avionics Statistics report series began with a report on the 1974 GA fleet. The report revealed the findings of a study designed first, to develop a framework for the GA fleet relating airborne avionics equipment to aircraft capability to perform in the National Airspace System (NAS), and second, within this framework to analyze the activity and other characteristics of the GA fleet. The 1976 and 1975 reports are updates of the 1974 report and follow the 1974 format to facilitate year to year comparisons.

The usefulness of such reports is easily established when one considers GA's dominance of the civil air fleet, and the scarcity of reliable information on GA activities. In calendar year 1976 GA aircraft comprised almost 99 percent of the U.S. civil air fleet,¹ and accounted for over 84 percent of civilian operations at FAA towered airports.² However, in contrast to the air carriers which account for the remaining civilian aircraft and operations, GA has no requirement for reporting activity and avionics information to the Federal government. Therefore one's knowledge of GA is confined to what can be extracted from the limited data available, acquired mostly through voluntary surveys. Analyses of the data and resulting inferences provide much needed insight into the nature of the GA fleet.

1.3 SOURCE OF DATA

In January of every year from 1970 through 1977 the FAA mailed AC Form 8050-73 to all U.S. civil aircraft owners requesting information on the previous year's activities. The form was revised for the 1977 mailing to include modern avionics technology and is shown in Figure 1.

The FAA combined the information from Part 2 of the 8050-73 form with the records from the Aircraft Registration File to create the Aircraft Statistical Master (ASM) File. The 1976 ASM File contained one record for every U.S. civil aircraft validly registered on December 31, 1976, and was the source of data for this report. A record layout appears in Appendix A.

¹Source: Census of U.S. Civil Aircraft Calendar Year 1976, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (Washington DC, 1978), p. 4.

²This figure includes operations for both GA and air taxi.
Source: FAA Aircraft Activity Calendar Year 1976, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, (Washington DC, 1977), p. 2.

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IDENTIFICATION AND ACTIVITY REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31.

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PART 1 - REGISTRATION INFORMATION (FAR 47-44 requires each holder of a U.S. Civil Aircraft Certificate to submit this part of the form by April 1)

1 REG NO. 2 AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER 3 AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER MODEL AND SERIES
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on
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here
 4 5 6 7 8 9

11 NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S)

13 Corrected address if needed
NUMBER AND STREET P.O. BOX ETC.

14 CITY

15 STATE 16 ZIP

17 CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION REQUESTED
 17a SOLD (Show purchaser: 17c STOLEN-LOST
name and address "Remarks": 17d EXPORTED
 17b DESTROYED/SCRAPPED 17e OTHER

17f REMARKS (Give details)

12 (FAA USE ONLY)

18 REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY I (We) certify that: (1) I am a U.S. citizen, (2) I (we) own the aircraft identified above, and (3) to the best of my (our) knowledge it is not registered under the laws of any foreign country.

19 SIGNATURE X 20 DATE

1 (We) REQUEST CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ABOVE REASON

21 SIGN ONLY ONE
See instructions on reverse of form

22 SIGNATURE X 19 TITLE

PART 2 - ACTIVITY & RELATED INFORMATION

23 If you operate your aircraft as an air carrier aircraft (under FAR 121 or 127) check here

FAR 91.53(a) states except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the owner of each aircraft registered in the United States should (but is not required to) submit Part 2 of this AC Form 8050-73.

24 BASE AIRPORT OF AIRCRAFT 25 NOT BASED AT ANY AIRPORT 26 AIRPORT NAME
 Correct if items 24-28 are changed

27 CITY 28 ZIP
29 COUNTY 30 STATE

31 AVIONICS EQUIPMENT CAPABILITY Check all boxes that reflect this aircraft's current capability
 HF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
 VHF Communications System
 360 channels or less 34
 720 channels or more 35
 More than one system 36
 No VHF Communications Equipment 37

32 TRANSPONDER EQUIPMENT
 4096 Code 38
 Attitude Encoding Equipment 39
 No Transponder Equipment 40

33 NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT
 VOR Receiver
 100 channels 41
 200 channels 42
 More than one Receiver 43
 Automatic Direction Finder (ADF) 44
 Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) 45
 Area Navigation Equipment 46
 Long Range (Doppler) INS Other 47
 Automatic Pilot 48
 Radar Altimeter 49
 No Navigation Equipment 50

34 ILS RECEIVING EQUIPMENT
 Localizer 51
 Marker Beacon 52
 Glide Slope 53
 Microwave Landing System 54
 No ILS Receiving Equipment 55

35 LONG TERM (3+ MONTHS) LESSEE OPERATOR IF NOT OWNER
 See important note on reverse side

36 CURRENT LESSEE-OPERATOR'S NAME

37 STREET ADDRESS

38 CITY 39 STATE 40 ZIP

41 HOURS FLOWN BY THIS AIRCRAFT, AN 1 - DEC 31
 Report whole hours, not fractions, while you owned this aircraft

42 EXECUTIVE (Corporate flying by professional pilots) 67 Hrs.
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 44 PERSONAL (Individual flying for personal reasons) 69 Hrs.
 45 AERIAL APPLICATION (Agriculture, health, forestry) 70 Hrs.
 46 INSTRUCTION (Excludes proficiency) 66 Hrs.
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 50 OTHER (R&D, demonstrations, sport, chartering, etc.) 70 Hrs.

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- 1 *If this aircraft is still eligible for registration, and you wish to continue its registration, sign Block 18 and enter the date in Block 20. Follow the guidelines for signature below.*
- 2 *If the aircraft is now ineligible for registration in your name or you wish to cancel its registration for other reasons, complete and sign Block 17 and enter the date in Block 20, following the guidelines for signature below.*

GUIDELINES FOR SIGNATURE

1. **INDIVIDUAL OWNER.** An individual owner whose name appears in Block 11 must sign his name.
2. **PARTNERSHIP.** Any general partner may sign for the partnership but must show his title "partner."
3. **CORPORATIONS.** Any corporate officer or person holding a managerial position with the corporation may sign for the corporation. He must also indicate the title of his office below his signature.
4. **CO-OWNER.** Unless cancellation of registration is requested, any co-owner may sign certifying citizenship and ownership for all co-owners. If cancellation is requested, the signature of each co-owner must appear on this form or on an attached sheet.
5. **GOVERNMENT.** Any authorized person may sign showing his title.

IMPORTANT NOTE - AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES may not be received by the aircraft lessee/operator, unless blocks 57 through 61 are completed by the registered owner, as requested.

After you complete and sign the form send the original (first copy) to:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRY AAC-259
P.O. BOX 26045
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73126

THIS IS AN ANNUAL REPORTING FORM ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE SUBMITTED WITH OTHER AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS OR MONEY.

FIGURE 1. AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY, IDENTIFICATION, AND ACTIVITY REPORT FORM (CONTINUED)

2. DEVELOPMENT AND METHODOLOGY

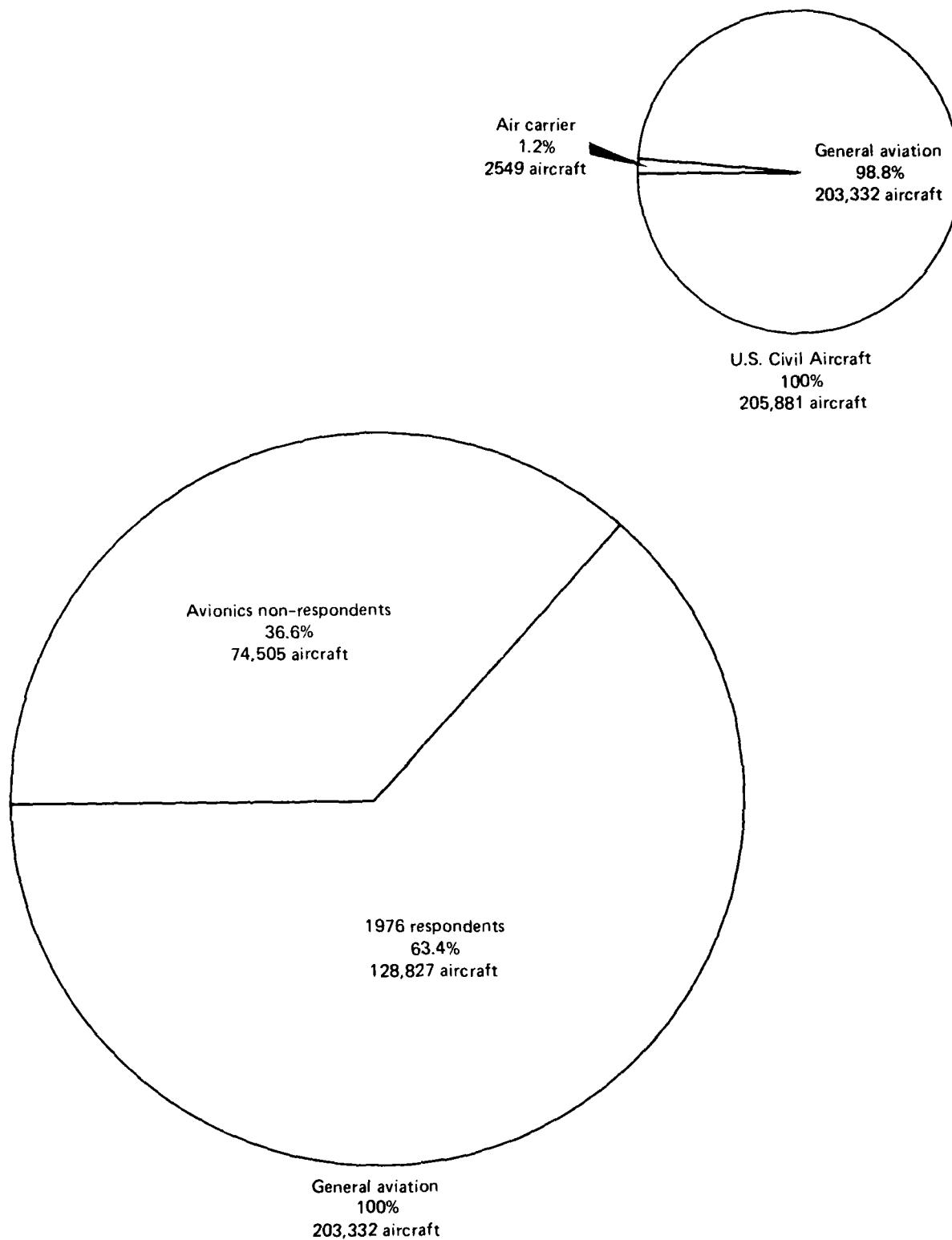
2.1 FLEET SIZE AND REPORT COVERAGE

The 1976 GA aircraft fleet, as represented by the 1976 ASM File, contained 203,332 registered aircraft as of December 31, 1976. The response rate to Part 2 of the 8050-73 form was 63.4 percent or 128,827 aircraft (see Figure 2). Avionics information from prior years could not be incorporated into the 1976 data due to the revised AC Form 8050-73, thus the data represents only 1976 respondents.

The tables appearing in this report are all based on the 128,827 GA aircraft for which avionics information was available. Therefore the absolute aircraft counts do not represent the entire GA fleet. Further, because the responses are not the result of any scientific sampling design, the potential for bias exists in the relative capability group sizes and in the distributions of aircraft across the various classifications. In a non-respondent follow-up to a sample survey conducted by Price Waterhouse & Company, results indicated that non-respondents usually fly fewer hours than responding GA aircraft.¹ The same results were noted in a FAA non-respondent follow-up to the 1977 General Aviation Activity and Avionics Survey. Hence the reader should note that the distribution of aircraft across hours flown shown in this report most likely has an upward bias. A more extensive follow-up study would be required to determine the extent of this and other possible biases.

Aircraft statistics found in this report agree generally with those appearing in other FAA sources. Some FAA publications, such as the Census of U.S. Civil Aircraft 1976, are based on the entire GA fleet size of 203,332. This report, as mentioned earlier, deals with only the 63.4 percent of the GA aircraft for which avionics information is available. Other FAA publications, such as General Aviation: Aircraft, Owner and Utilization Characteristics, are based on those fractions of the GA fleet selected to participate in sample surveys. Sample survey results are estimates with bounded errors rather than true population values, introducing another cause for differences in figures between this report and reports based on samples: sampling error. However, results of this report fall within the intervals of estimates found in General Aviation.

¹Design of an On-Going Statistical Sampling Survey to Collect and Estimate General Aviation Aircraft Activity Measures, Price Waterhouse and Co., (Washington, DC, 1976), Exhibit 3.



**Figure 2. Composition of the U.S. Civil Air Fleet
(As of December 31, 1976)**

2.2 PROFILE OF GA AVIONICS

Table 1 summarizes the basic avionics data provided by the 1976 ASM File for the analysis of the 1976 GA fleet. It shows the number of aircraft containing each piece of avionics equipment listed on the 8050-73 form. The usefulness of Table 1 is limited because it does not provide the means to determine the number of aircraft containing important groups of equipment, but deals solely with individual types of equipment. For example, one cannot determine the number of aircraft with all three components of an instrument landing system (ILS): localizer, glide slope, and marker beacon receivers. Thus the capability groups, discussed below, were developed to make the study of groups of avionics equipment possible.

2.3 AVIONICS CAPABILITY GROUPS

2.3.1 Function of Capability Groups

Avionics capability groups (CG's) are the means through which significant groups of avionics equipment are associated with aircraft capability to perform in the NAS. The word "capability" takes on a number of meanings in conjunction with the NAS. It can refer to where an aircraft can fly, at what airports it can land, under what flying conditions it can fly, or to what extent it can participate in the air route, landing, and communications systems. Avionics equipment is installed in an aircraft because of the capabilities gained from it; consequently, one should be able to identify an aircraft's general potential capabilities from knowledge of its avionics equipment configuration. Often several pieces of equipment are required to obtain a certain capability in the NAS; it thus becomes necessary to study groups of avionics, rather than individual pieces. The CG definitions are designed to provide the link between groups of avionics equipment and capabilities. In addition, the CG's provide a framework within which other aspects of the GA fleet can be examined.

2.3.2 Assumptions

Several assumptions must be made in order to simplify the process of designing the groups and to minimize the number of groups needed. First, it is assumed that an aircraft's avionics equipment defines its capability to perform in the NAS. In actuality, an aircraft's engine size and power, pilot's certification, lack of cabin pressurization, or lack of other types of required equipment may prevent the aircraft from performing at its highest capability level according to its avionics configuration. Second, the capability groups are based on regulations and equipment requirements for the majority of general aviation aircraft. There may be exceptions to the avionics needed for certain capabilities depending on the use of the aircraft, the model of the aircraft, and the pilot's skill at maximizing the capabilities that his avionics equipment gives him. Third, it is assumed that

TABLE 1. BASIC AVIONICS DATA FOR 1976 GA FLEET*

<u>VHF Communications Equipment</u>	<u>No. of Aircraft</u>
360 channels or less	85,156
720 channels or more	28,941
2 systems or more	53,958
None	13,306
<u>Transponder Equipment</u>	
4096 code	69,170
Altitude encoding	22,278
None	39,287
<u>Navigation Equipment</u>	
100 channels VOR receiver	55,987
200 channels VOR receiver	50,117
More than 1 VOR receiver	60,028
Automatic direction finder (ADF)	59,917
Distance measuring equipment (DME)	28,502
Area navigation equipment (RNAV)	5,492
Long range RNAV	887
Automatic pilot	33,717
Radar altimeter	5,545
None	18,450
<u>Instrument Landing System</u>	
Localizer	64,630
Marker beacon	57,080
Glide slope	42,048
Microwave landing system	229
None	33,938

*Based on 128,827 aircraft for which avionics information was available.

area navigation (RNAV) equipment¹ on GA aircraft is comprised of VOR/DME-based course line computers rather than inertial or Doppler systems since as of January 1, 1975, fewer than 0.5 percent of GA aircraft contained the self-contained type of RNAV equipment.² Thus, RNAV equipment is considered to comply with FAA requirements for both VOR equipment and distance measuring equipment (DME).

2.3.3 Methodology

Two classifications of capability groups evolved: the first type consisted of avionics equipment meeting FAA requirements for use of the various aspects of the NAS; the second type was avionics equipment which gave an aircraft additional capability, but which was not required equipment according to FAA regulations. These two types of equipment necessitated the formation of two types of CG's.

To form the first type of CG, three sets of avionics requirements were obtained: one for flight in different segments of the airspace, another for flight in different flying conditions, and the third for landing at different airports. The three sets of requirements were combined into one set of avionics requirements dealing with the above three aspects of the NAS simultaneously. These combined requirements formed the basis for the first type of capability group. They were augmented by miscellaneous requirements for helicopters, air taxis, and gliders.

The formation of the second type of CG was a simpler task. It involved grouping component pieces of avionics equipment which together would form a complete avionics system for enabling an aircraft to make full use of a landing, communications, or navigation system in the NAS. However, except for the instrument landing system (ILS), it was found that an aircraft can gain full use of a system in the NAS by installing only one piece of airborne avionics equipment. Consequently, the second type of CG consists mainly of "groups" containing one piece of equipment each.

2.3.4 Definition of Capability Groups

Definitions of the two types of CG's mentioned above, known as hierarchical and non-hierarchical CG's respectively, are given below in terms of the avionics equipment found in AC Form 8050-73. A glossary at the end of this report explains the numerous terms relating to avionics equipment and the NAS found in the definitions below. Appendix B shows the various segments of the airspace and the regulations pertaining to the airspace, airports, and flying conditions.

¹ See the Glossary for definitions of area navigation equipment and other technical terms.

² Avionics Installation Navigation and Communication Report, FAA/AEM.

2.3.4.1 Hierarchical CG's

The FAA has established airborne avionics equipment requirements for aircraft use of the various segments of the NAS. In this regulatory sense, an aircraft's avionics equipment determines its capabilities to perform in areas of the NAS. FAA regulations deal with three basic capabilities: (1) to fly in different segments of the airspace, (2) to fly in visual flight rules (VFR) and instrument flight rules (IFR) flying conditions, and (3) to land at different classes of airports. In the formation of CG's of avionics equipment which relate to these three capabilities, the groups take on a hierarchical nature, that is, there is an order to the groups. In general, the avionics equipment and the associated capabilities for one capability group are a subset of the avionics equipment and the associated capabilities for the next higher group.

These groups have the additional properties that they are mutually exclusive and exhaustive. When assigning individual aircraft to CG's, mutual exclusiveness means that an aircraft can be assigned to only one group. Exhaustiveness means that every aircraft will fall into a group.

Table 2 describes the hierarchical CG's in terms of avionics equipment and capabilities. The capabilities described represent the highest level at which an aircraft has avionics potential to participate in the NAS. Generally, an aircraft can also participate at all lower levels. Each group of equipment below is described in terms of (1) airspace capability, (2) flying condition capability, and (3) airport capability. Exceptions to airport and airspace capabilities are noted for helicopter and glider operations, respectively.

Figure 3 is a schematic diagram of the hierarchical capability groups, which summarizes the relationship of three types of aircraft capabilities to their required avionics equipment, namely flying conditions, airspace, and airport capabilities. In the diagram, the capabilities increase from top to bottom. To determine the capability associated with a particular avionics box, simply position the box relative to the lines of the capability of interest.

2.3.4.2 Non-Hierarchical CG's

Many kinds of avionics equipment exist which give an aircraft additional capabilities to the three types discussed in the previous section. Whereas the latter capabilities are derived from regulatory considerations, those to be discussed in this section are based on engineering and safety considerations. The avionics CG's of this section have none of the properties of the

TABLE 2. HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS

<u>AVIONICS</u>	<u>CAPABILITIES</u>
<u>Group 1</u> No regulatory avionics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Up to and including 12,500 feet mean sea level (MSL) Gliders...Up to and including 18,000 feet MSL ADF...Colored airways below 12,500 feet MSL VOR or RNAV...VOR airways below 12,500 feet MSL RNAV...Low altitude RNAV airways below 12,500 feet MSL (2) VFR flight, day and night (3) Uncontrolled airports
<u>Group 2</u> Two-way communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Up to and including 12,500 feet MSL Gliders...Up to and including 18,000 feet MSL (2) VFR flight, day and night (3) Non-TCA controlled airports Group III TCA's Helicopters with 4096 code transponders...Group II TCA's All helicopters...Group I and II TCA's below 1000 feet above ground level (AGL)
	<p>Note: Air taxis with navigation system and transponder: Group II TCA's</p> <p>Air taxis with navigation system, transponder and altitude reporting: Group I TCA's and non-positive controlled airspace</p> <p>Air taxis with navigation system, DME, transponder and altitude reporting: Group I TCA's and positive controlled airspace.</p>

TABLE 2. HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS (CONTINUED)

<u>AVIONICS</u>	<u>CAPABILITIES</u>
<u>Group 3</u>	
Two-way communications	(1) Up to and including 12,500 feet MSL
Two systems---air taxis	Gliders...Up to and including 18,000 feet MSL
VOR or Automatic Direction Finder (ADF) or RNAV	ADF...Colored airways below 12,500 feet MSL
	VOR or RNAV...VOR airways below 12,500 feet MSL
	RNAV...Low altitude RNAV airways below 12,500 feet MSL
	(2) IFR flight
	(3) Non-TCA controlled airways
	Group III TCA's
	Helicopters with 4096 code transponders...Group II TCA's
	All helicopters...Group I and II TCA's below 1000 feet AGL
<u>Group 4</u>	
Two-way communications	(1) Up to and including 12,500 feet MSL
Two systems---air taxis	Gliders...Up to and including 18,000 feet MSL
4096 code transponder	VOR airways below 12,500 feet MSL
VOR or RNAV	RNAV...Low altitude RNAV airways below 12,500 feet MSL
	(2) IFR flight
	(3) Non-TCA controlled airports
	Group II TCA's
	Helicopters...Group I TCA's below 1000 feet AGL
<u>Group 5</u>	
4096 code transponder	(1) Non-positive controlled air-space
Altitude encoding equipment	(2) VFR flight, day and night

TABLE 2. HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS (CONTINUED)

<u>AVIONICS</u>	<u>CAPABILITIES</u>
	(3) Uncontrolled airports Group III TCA's
<u>Group 6</u> Two-way communications 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	(1) Non-positive controlled airspace (2) VFR flight, day and night (3) Non-TCA controlled airports Group III TCA's Helicopters...Group I TCA's
<u>Group 7</u> Two-way communications Two systems---air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment VOR	(1) Non-positive controlled airspace VOR airways (2) IFR flight (3) Group I TCA's
<u>Group 8</u> Two-way communications Two systems---air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment VOR } or RNAV DME }	(1) Positive controlled airspace Jet routes RNAV...RNAV routes (2) IFR flight (3) Group I TCA's

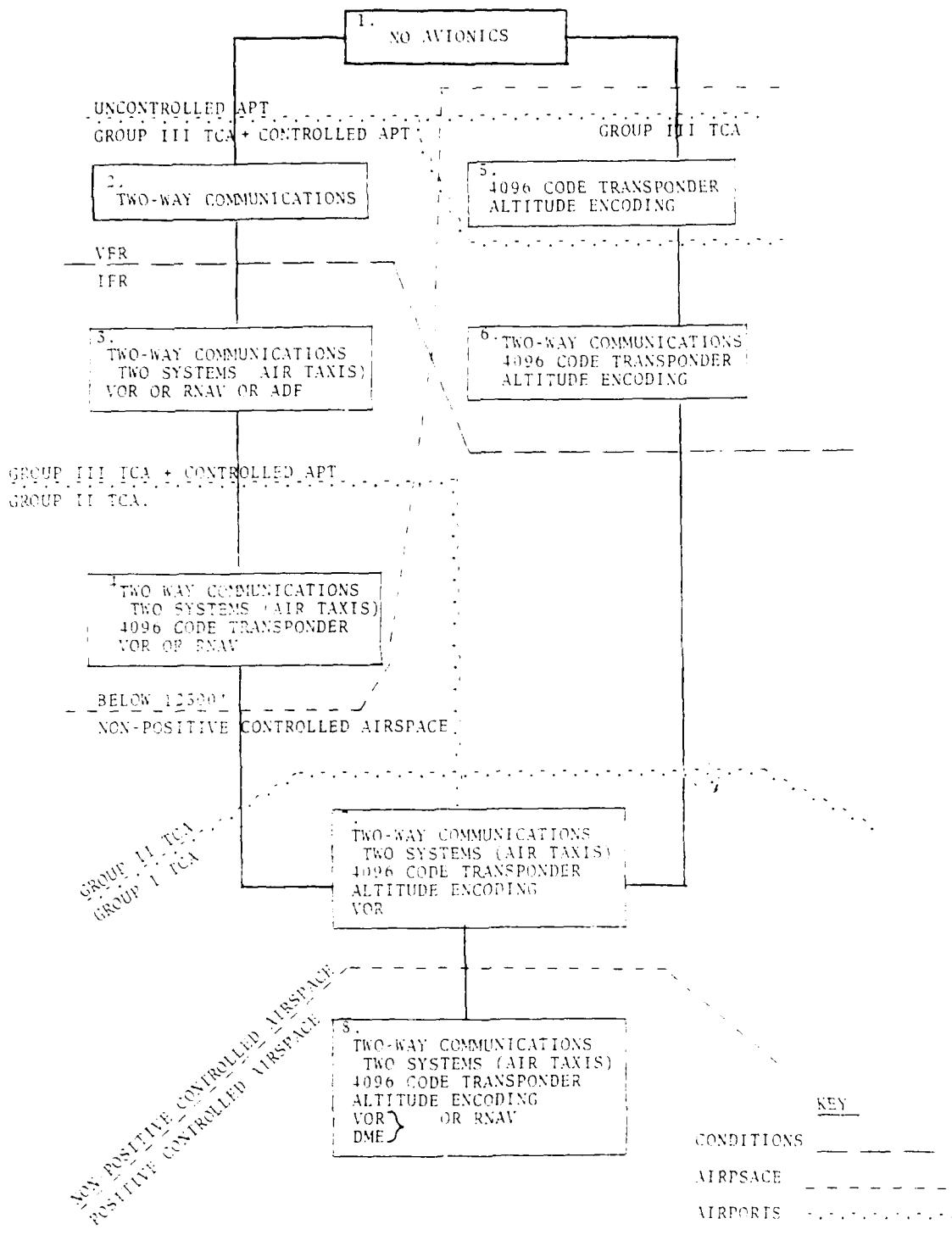


FIGURE 3. HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS (CG'S)

previous groups. That is, they are not hierarchical in nature, nor are they mutually exclusive and exhaustive. The CG's are described in Table 3 in terms of the avionics equipment and associated capabilities.

TABLE 3. NON-HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS

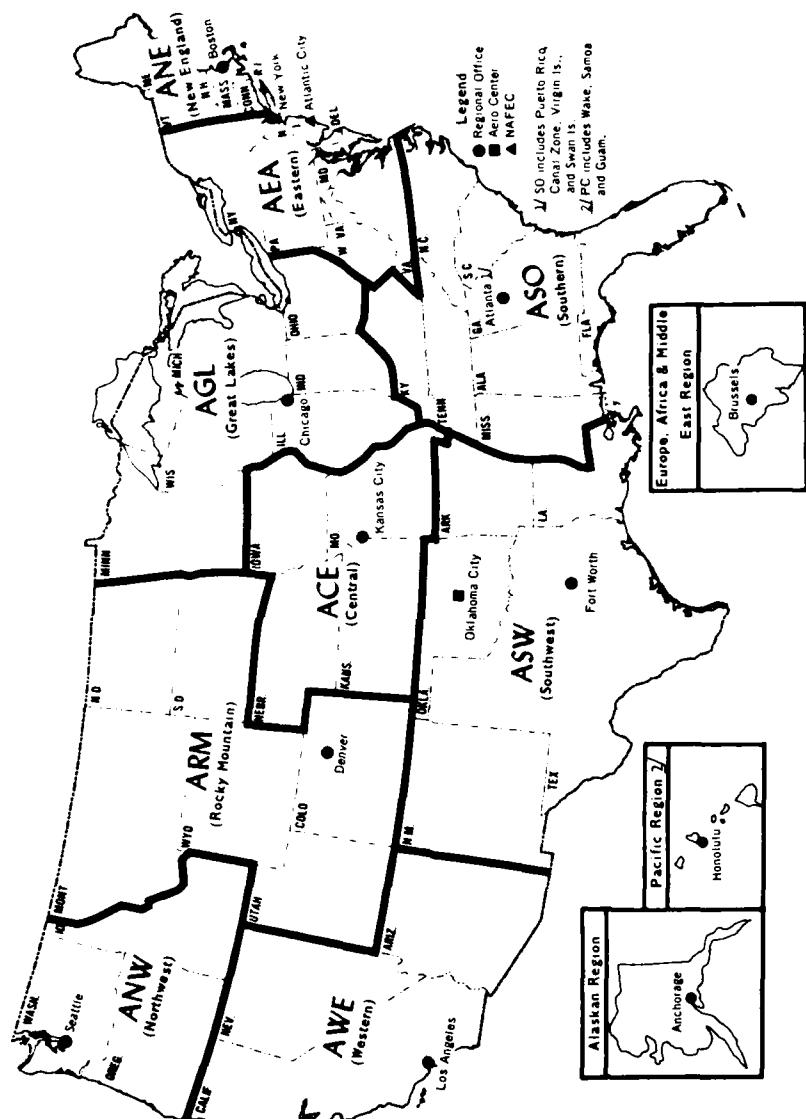
AVIONICS	CAPABILITIES
<u>Group 1</u> Localizer	Partial use of airport ILS.
<u>Group 2</u> Localizer Marker Beacon	Partial use of airport ILS.
<u>Group 3</u> Localizer Marker Beacon Glide Slope	Full use of airport ILS.
<u>Group 4</u> ILS Radar Altimeter	Landing approach in Category III ¹ weather conditions at airports with Category III equipment.
<u>Group 5</u> Long Range RNAV	Area navigation over long distances and large bodies of water.
<u>Group 6</u> Radar Altimeter	Determination of altitude above level of terrain.
<u>Group 7</u> Microwave Landing System (MLS)	More accurate and flexible landing approaches especially at airports with mountains and large buildings nearby.
<u>Group 8</u> ILS Microwave Landing System (MLS)	Backup landing systems.
<u>Group 9</u> Long Range RNAV Microwave Landing System (MLS)	Sophisticated navigational and landing capabilities.

¹See Appendix B, "Weather Category Definitions"

2.4 DESCRIPTION OF AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS

Nine aircraft characteristics were available on the 1976 ASM File for analysis in the framework of the newly developed CG's. They are listed below with appropriate comment.

- a. Primary use of aircraft during 1976.
- b. Base airport region: See Figure 4 for an FAA regional map.
- c. Hours flown during 1976: This variable was discretized into 50-hour intervals for easier reporting.
- d. Age of aircraft in 1976: This variable was discretized into 5-year intervals for easier reporting.
- e. Computed aircraft type: The 13 computed aircraft types listed in Table 4 combine the four aircraft characteristics of engine type, number of engines, aircraft type (simple), and number of seats into meaningful combinations for the GA fleet.
- f. Aircraft type (simple).
- g. Engine type.
- h. Number of engines.
- i. Number of seats.



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FIGURE 4. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL MAP AS OF JUNE 30, 1976

TABLE 4. COMPUTED AIRCRAFT TYPES

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	Fixed wing single engine piston 1-3 seats
2.	Fixed wing single engine piston 4+ seats
3.	Fixed wing two engine piston 1-6 seats
4.	Fixed wing two engine piston 7+ seats
5.	Fixed wing piston other
6.	Fixed wing two engine turboprop 1-12 seats
7.	Fixed wing two engine turboprop 13+ seats
8.	Fixed wing turboprop other
9.	Fixed wing two engine turbojet
10.	Fixed wing turbojet other
11.	Rotorcraft piston
12.	Rotorcraft turbine
13.	Other aircraft

3. RESULTS

3.1 NON-HIERARCHICAL VERSUS HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS (CG's)

Table 5 presents the distribution of the 128,827 reporting GA aircraft among the hierarchical and non-hierarchical CG's. Hierarchical CG's vary across the columns and non-hierarchical CG's vary across the rows, each beginning with the least sophisticated CG in the upper left hand corner of the table. Entries in the table are aircraft counts, percent of the row or hierarchical capability that count represents, and percent of column or non-hierarchical capability that count represents.

Examination of Table 5 reveals the following observations on the reporting GA fleet.

3.1.1 Hierarchical CG's

- a. About 13 percent of these aircraft have the avionics equipment enabling them to fly above 18,000 feet in positive controlled airspace. Approximately 83 percent of the reporting GA fleet cannot fly above 12,500 feet due to avionics limitations alone.
- b. As in 1974 and 1975 almost 80 percent of these aircraft are equipped to fly IFR.
- c. 13 percent of the reporting GA fleet are limited to landing at uncontrolled airports. Approximately 35 percent can land at either uncontrolled airports or Group III TCA's. Approximately 35 percent can land at any type of airport except a Group I TCA. Only about 17 percent can land at Group I TCA's.
- d. Hierarchical CG's 5 and 6 together contain only 0.5 percent of the reporting GA fleet. Examination of the avionics equipment associated with these groups reveals that both include transponder equipment, but neither includes navigation equipment. One includes two-way communications. This suggests that the reason for the small number of aircraft in these groups and the comparatively large number in the remaining groups is that the most common path of acquisition of avionics equipment proceeds from communications to navigation to transponder equipment.

A comparison of hierarchical CG's from 1974, 1975, and 1976 reveals that significant changes occurred in two of the basic capabilities: airspace and airport. Growth occurred in the capability of flying above 18,000 feet (CG 8) in positive controlled airspace

and the capability of landing at Group I TCA's (CG's 7 and 8). This indicates a general increase in avionics sophistication over the three year period. Figures 5, 6, 7, and 8 illustrate the changes which occurred in these two basic capabilities.

Figures 5 and 7 present the percentages of the fleet within the subdivisions of the airspace and airport capabilities, respectively. Those subdivisions requiring more sophisticated avionics increased while those requiring less sophistication decreased.

Figures 6 and 8 present normalized¹ growth of the capabilities from 1974 to 1976 relative to growth of the fleet as a whole. Normalization allows one to observe clearly changes in group sizes which are significant in relation to changes in the overall fleet. Figure 6 shows that the proportion of the fleet capable of flying above 18,000 feet grew much more rapidly than the fleet. In contrast growth of planes flying below 12,500 feet (CG's 1-4) lagged behind growth of the fleet as a whole. Figure 8 shows that growth in the proportion of the fleet capable of landing at Group I TCA's was much larger than overall fleet growth.

In general Table 5 indicates that those aircraft in the least sophisticated non-hierarchical CG's also comprise the bulk of the least sophisticated hierarchical CG's. Of the aircraft possessing none of the non-hierarchical CG equipment (i.e., NO GROUP), 81 percent fall into hierarchical CG's 1, 2, and 3. Similarly, those aircraft in the most sophisticated non-hierarchical CG's are also in the most sophisticated hierarchical CG's. For example, 87 percent of the aircraft possessing a complete ILS and a radar altimeter fall into hierarchical CG 8.

Figures 9 and 10 illustrate the changes which occurred to the hierarchical CG's from 1974 to 1976. Figure 9 provides a comparison of the major hierarchical CG percentages over the three year period and also enables one to gauge the group sizes relative to each other. It is evident that groups 3 and 4 comprise more than half the reporting GA fleet, but that groups 7 and 8 are gaining in importance.

Figure 10 presents the normalized growth of the CG's relative to the growth of the fleet as a whole from 1974 to 1975, and from 1975 to 1976. A study of Figure 10 reveals that CG's 2, 4, 7, and 8 grew faster than the overall fleet. The excessive growth

¹Each group is normalized by the following formula: $\frac{[\text{percent aircraft in 1976} - (\text{percent aircraft in 1974})]}{(\text{percent aircraft in 1974})}$

exhibited by CG 2 is somewhat artificial due in large part to a shift of air taxi aircraft from high order CG's to CG 2. The shift resulted from the addition in 1976 of the two communications systems question to the avionics questions. Air taxis must have two systems to fly IFR. In 1974 and 1975, it was not possible to determine if aircraft had two systems, so air taxis were treated like non-air taxi aircraft. In 1976, however, air taxis without two systems were identified and shifted to their proper VFR CG. Not shown in Figures 9 and 10 is CG 6 which comprised only 0.4% of the GA fleet in 1976. This represented a normalized growth of over 1,000% from 1975. All of these CG's have one commonality: two-way communications. Therefore one may conclude that GA owners are acquiring such systems in much greater numbers than in the past. Growth in CG's 7 and 8 also indicates a general trend toward greater sophistication in avionics.

3.1.2 Non-Hierarchical CG's

Because the non-hierarchical capability groups were revised in 1976, comparison with previous years can be done only for the groups L; L,MB; and L, MB, GS. Figures 11 and 12 illustrate the changes from 1974 to 1976 in these three CG's. A study of these figures indicates the same trend toward sophistication in avionics noted in the hierarchical CG's, indicating the willingness of GA aircraft owners to invest in sophisticated avionics equipment.

TABLE 5. NON-HIERARCHICAL VS. HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS

	1976								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
L	89	394	5593	5240	9	43	297	112	11777
ROW %	0.8	3.3	47.5	44.5	0.1	0.4	2.5	1.0	100.0
COLUMN %	0.5	4.7	15.4	11.7	9.2	8.1	6.6	0.7	9.1
L,MB	53	135	1701	8965	4	12	705	443	12018
ROW %	0.4	1.1	14.2	74.6	0.0	0.1	5.9	3.7	100.0
COLUMN %	0.3	1.6	4.7	20.0	4.1	2.3	15.6	2.6	9.3
L,MB,GS	123	274	1289	18936	52	305	2865	11780	35624
ROW %	0.3	0.8	3.6	53.2	0.1	0.9	8.0	33.1	100.0
COLUMN %	0.7	3.2	3.6	42.2	53.1	57.8	63.5	68.6	27.7
L,MB,GS,RA	9	8	46	459	9	38	112	4583	5264
ROW %	0.2	0.2	0.9	8.7	0.2	0.7	2.1	87.1	100.0
COLUMN %	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	9.2	7.2	2.5	26.7	4.1
LRN	4	12	164	86	1	22	37	564	890
ROW %	0.4	1.3	18.4	9.7	0.1	2.5	4.2	63.4	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2	1.0	4.2	0.8	3.3	0.7
PA	31	37	79	526	15	60	149	4658	5555
ROW %	0.6	0.7	1.4	9.5	0.3	1.1	2.7	83.9	100.0
COLUMN %	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.2	15.3	11.4	3.3	27.1	4.3
ML	4	0	36	53	0	9	7	121	239
ROW %	1.7	0.0	15.7	23.0	0.0	3.9	3.0	52.6	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.7	0.2	0.7	0.2
L,MB,GS,MI	1	0	33	43	0	8	5	118	208
ROW %	0.5	0.0	15.9	20.7	0.0	3.8	2.4	56.7	100.0
COLUMN %	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.2
LEN,ML	7	0	33	2	0	7	1	11	54
ROW %	0.0	0.0	61.1	3.7	0.0	13.0	1.9	20.4	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
NO GROUP	16573	7620	27612	11264	20	106	505	225	63925
ROW %	25.9	11.9	43.2	17.6	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.4	100.0
COLUMN %	98.2	90.1	76.1	25.1	20.4	20.1	11.2	1.3	49.6
ALL CRAFT	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

NUMBER OF PLANES NOT REPORTING AVIONICS INSTRUMENTATION: 74505

TABLE 5. NON-HIERARCHICAL VS. HIERARCHICAL CAPABILITY GROUPS (CONTINUED)

KEY

Hierarchical Capability Groups

1. No regulatory avionics ¹	6. Two-way communications 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment
2. Two-way communications	7. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment VOR
3. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis VOR or ADF or RNAV	8. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment VOR } or RNAV DME
4. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder VOR or RNAV	
5. 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	

Non-hierarchical Capability Groups²

L: Localizer	RA: Radar altimeter
MB: Marker beacon	LRN: Long range RNAV
GS: Glide slope	NO GROUP ³ : Non-grouped aircraft
ML: Microwave landing system	

¹Aircraft assigned to hierarchical CG 1 (No regulatory avionics) contain either no avionics equipment whatsoever or a combination of equipment which does not match or exceed the specified requirements for any other hierarchical CG.

²Since non-hierarchical groups are not all mutually exclusive (they overlap), the columns do not add to the counts at the bottom of the table. The first four groups (L through L, MB, GA, RA) are mutually exclusive among themselves. However there is some overlap between the first four groups and the next five groups. The last group is mutually exclusive of the other nine.

³Non-grouped aircraft (NG) are those aircraft possessing none of the avionics covered by the other nine non-hierarchical CG's.

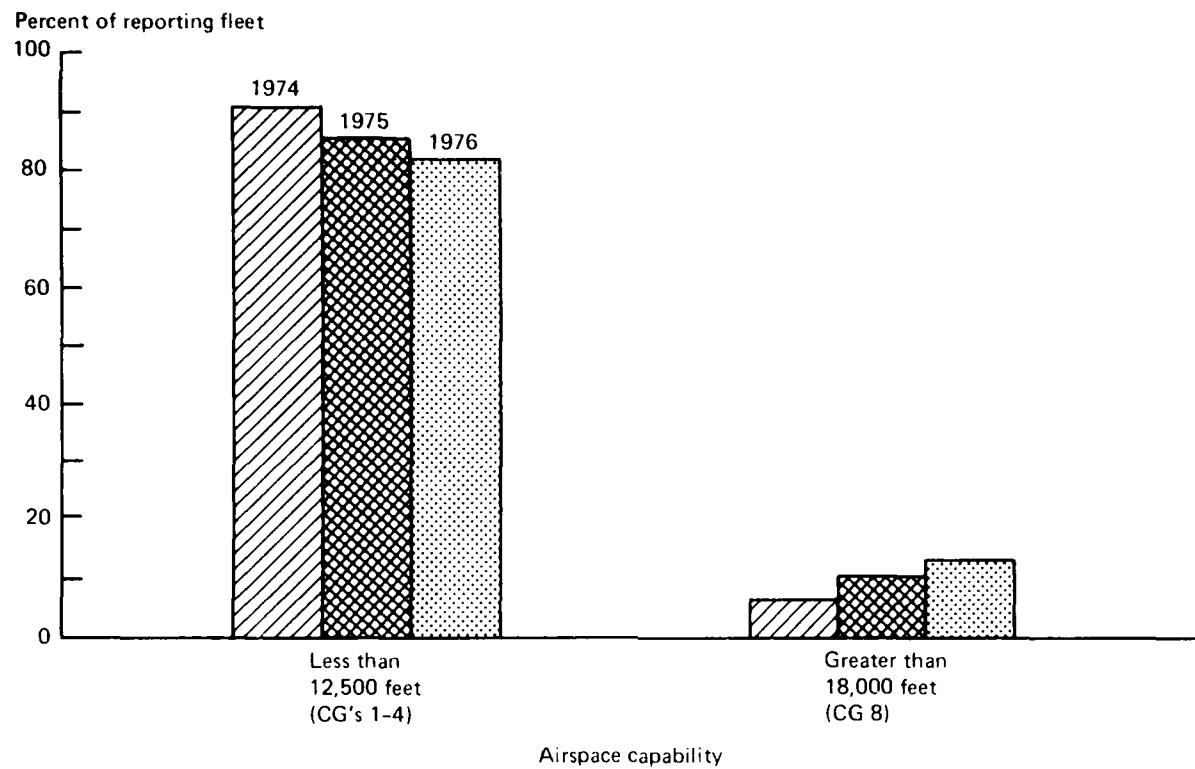


Figure 5. A Comparison of Airspace Capabilities for 1974, 1975, and 1976

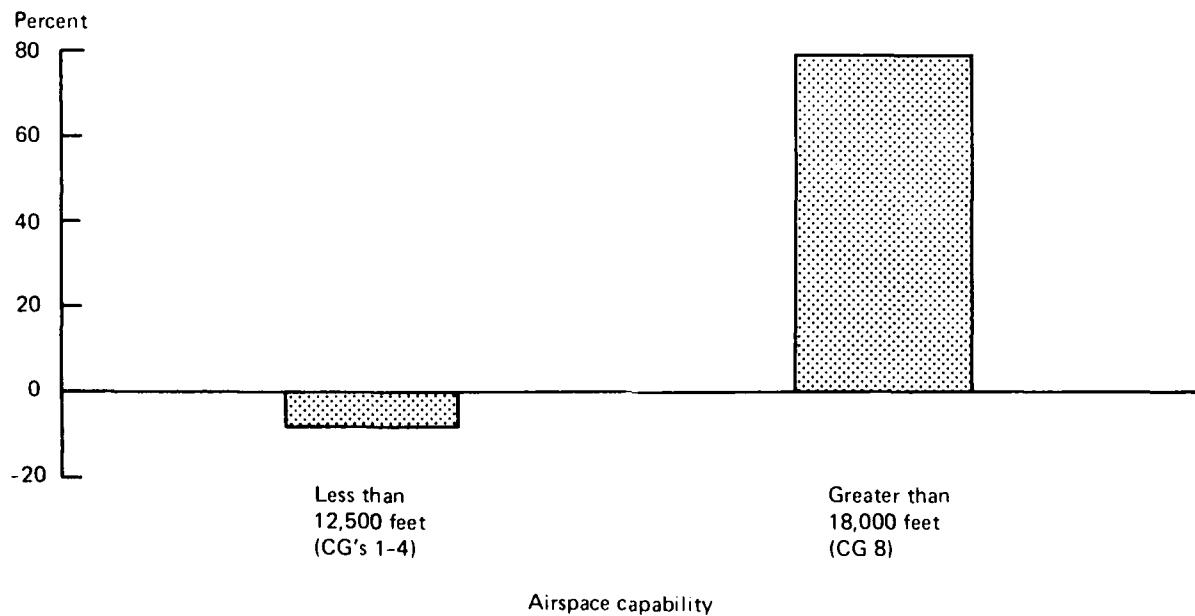


Figure 6. Normalized Growth in Airspace Capabilities from 1974 to 1976

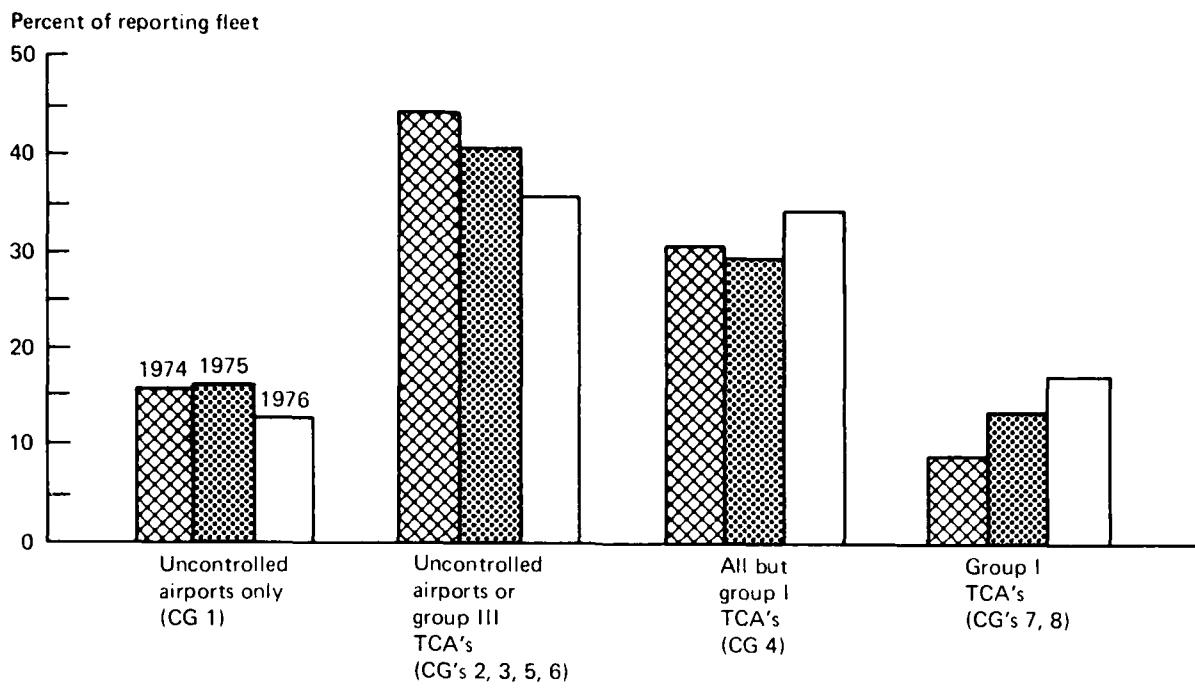


Figure 7. A Comparison of Airport Capabilities for 1974, 1975, and 1976

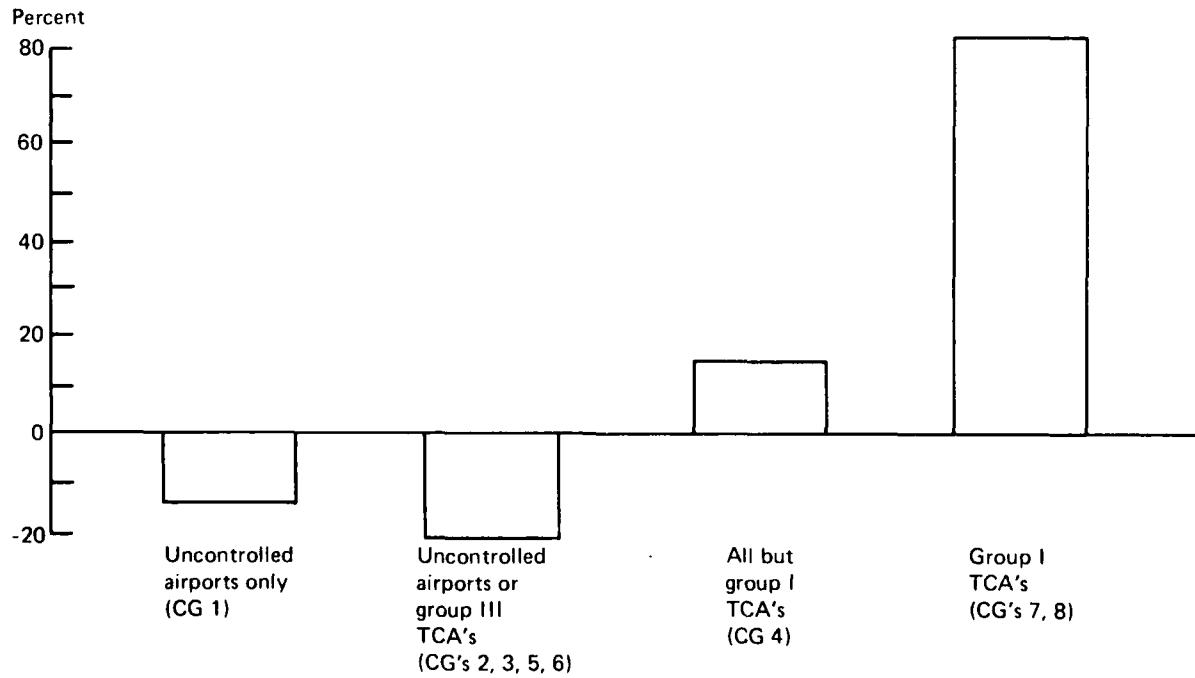


Figure 8. Normalized Growth in Airport Capabilities from 1974 to 1976

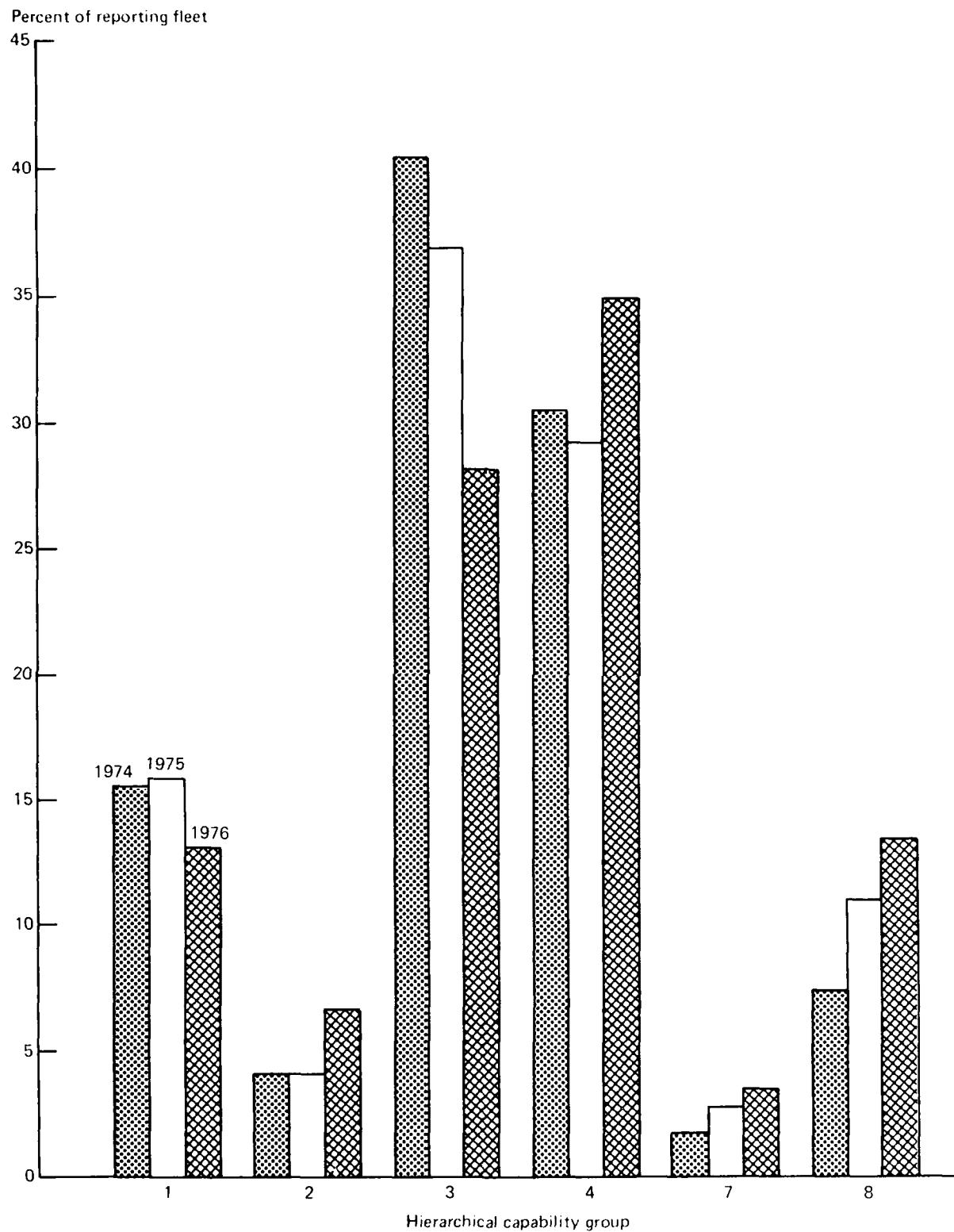


Figure 9. A Comparison of Hierarchical CG's from 1974 to 1976

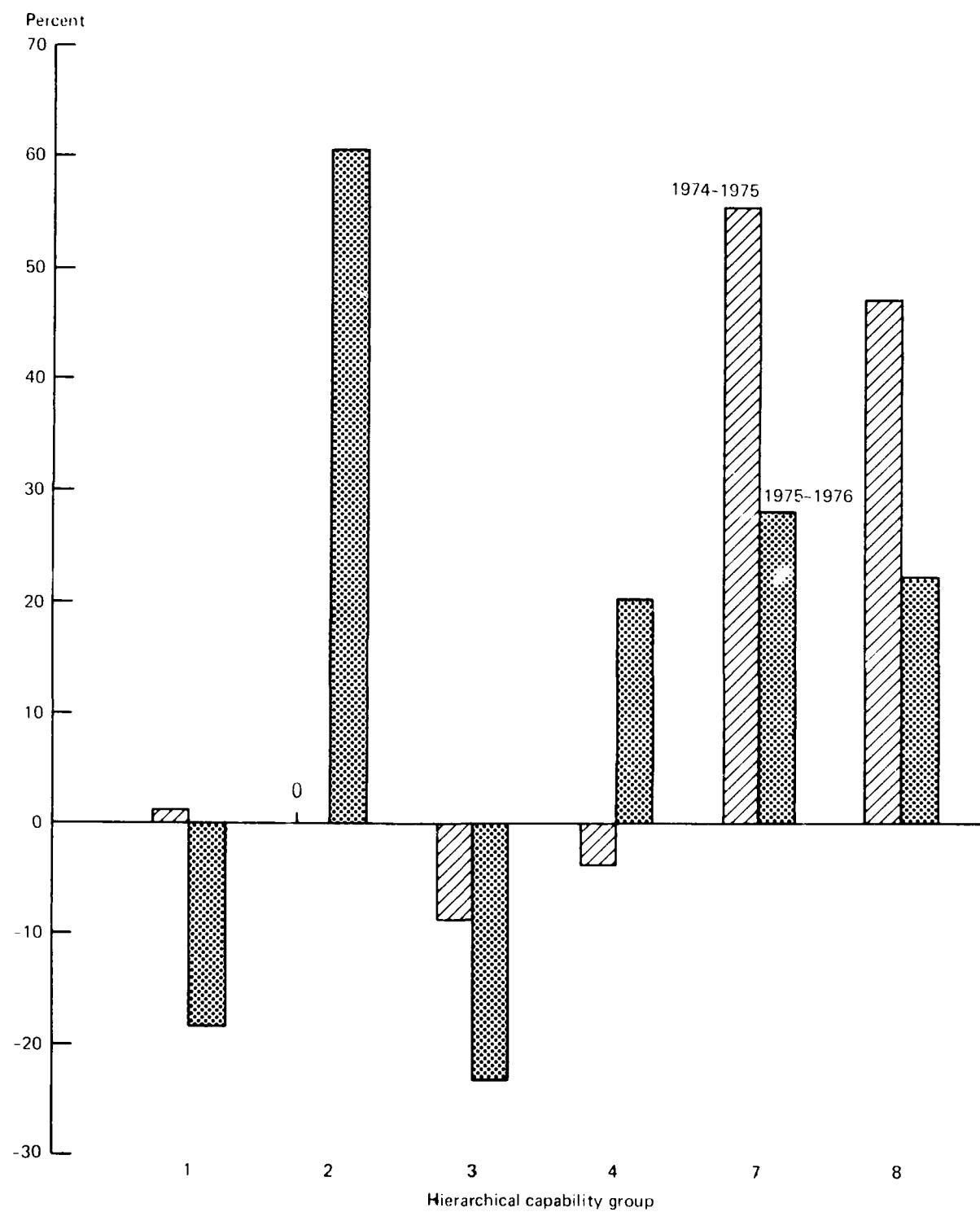


Figure 10. Normalized Growth in Hierarchical Group Size from 1974 to 1975 and 1975 to 1976

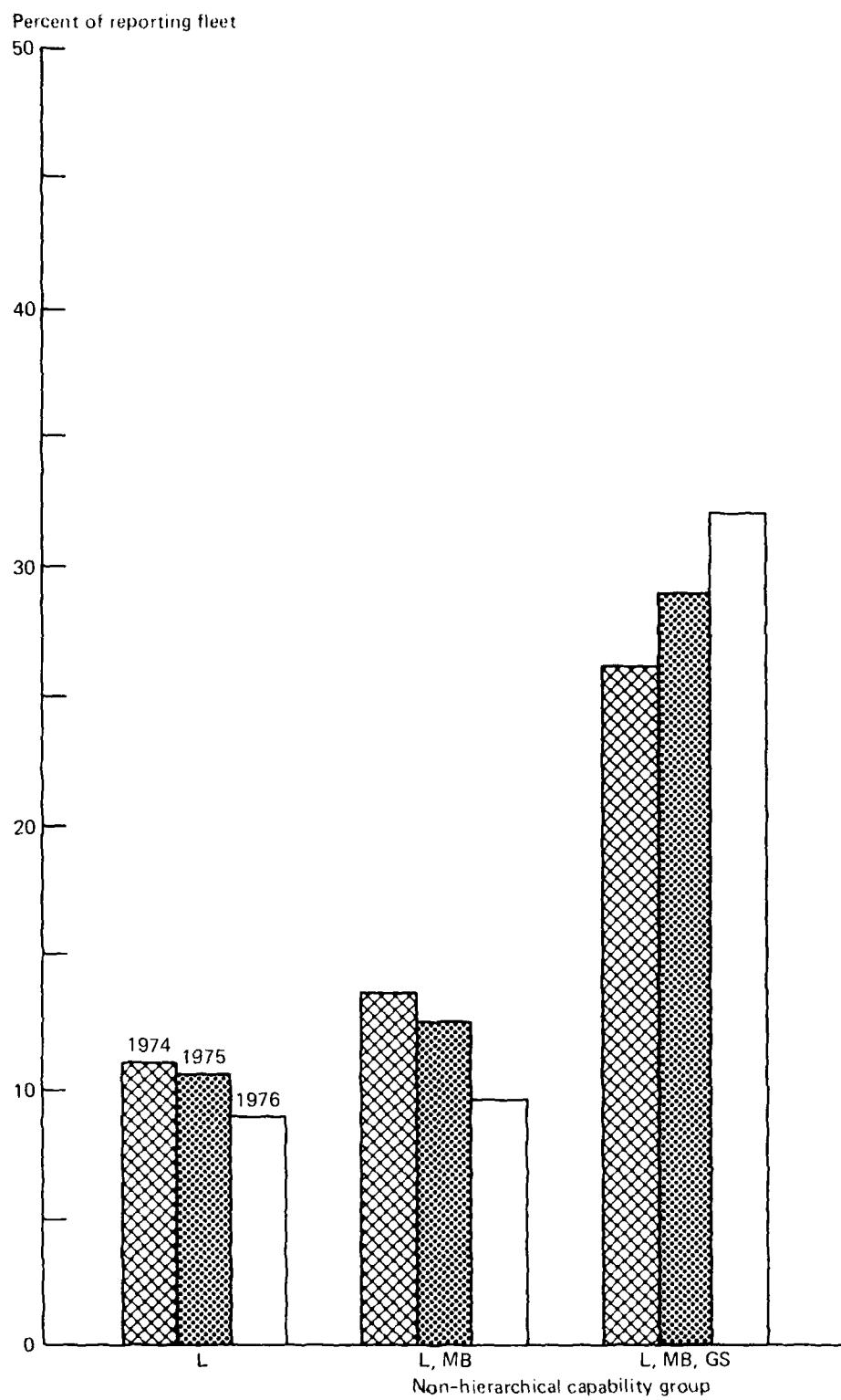


Figure 11. A Comparison of Non-Hierarchical Groups from 1974 to 1976

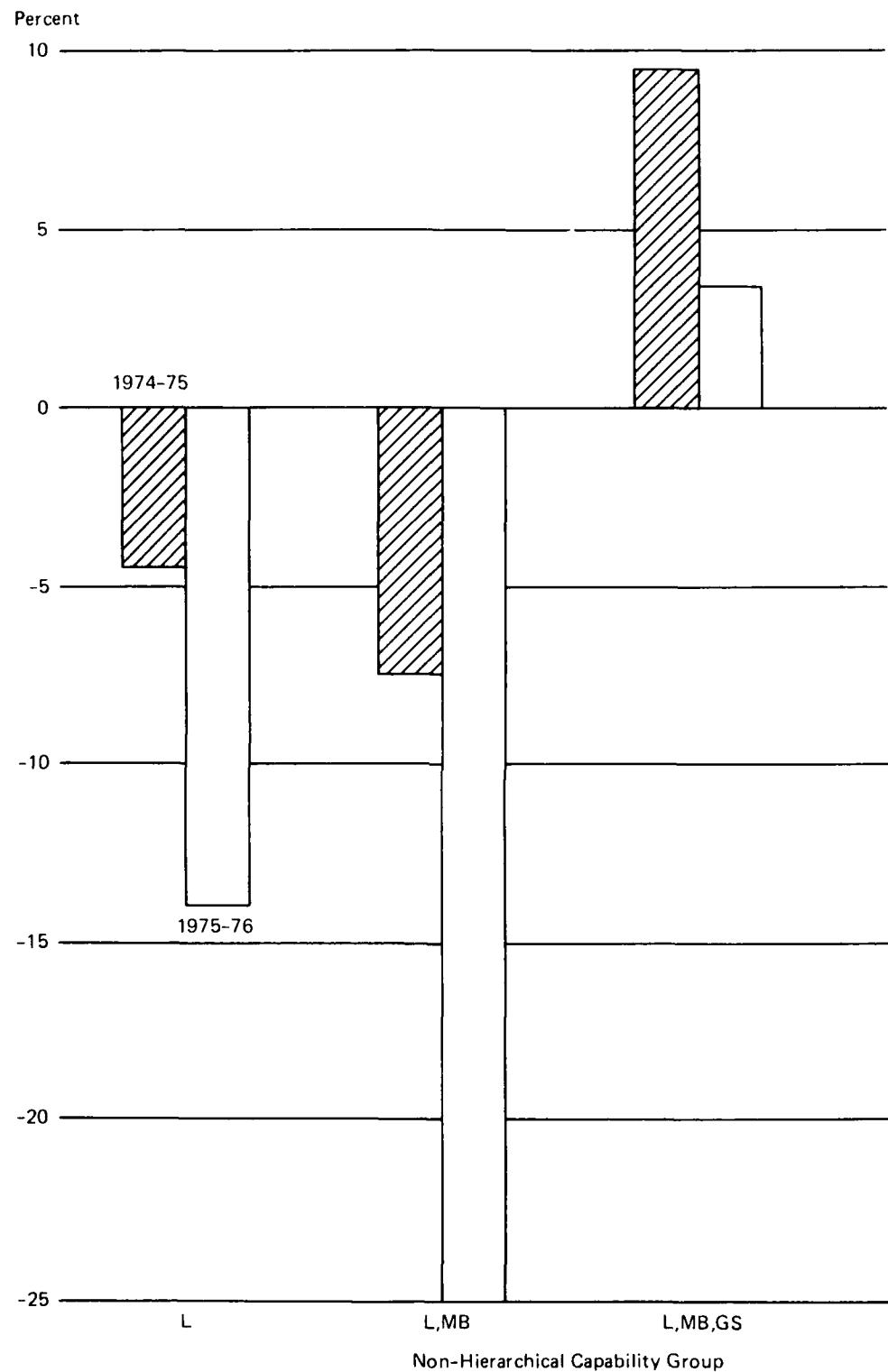


Figure 12. Normalized Growth in Non-Hierarchical Groups from 1974 to 1975 and 1975 to 1976

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3.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF CAPABILITY GROUPS (CG'S)

Tables 6 through 23 show three numbers in each cell. The first is the number of aircraft falling into the particular capability group-category combination represented by the cell. The second number is the percent of the row or category that the number of aircraft represents. The third number is the percent of the column or capability group that the number of aircraft represents.

The key appearing at the bottom of each table gives the avionics associated with the CG's. Hierarchical group reports are additive across the columns as these groups are mutually exclusive. The numbers in the right-hand columns of the non-hierarchical group reports are the marginal distributions of the GA fleet across the categories, but are not row totals since non-hierarchical CG's are not mutually exclusive.

3.2.1 Characteristics of Hierarchical CG's

As mentioned in the discussion of Table 5, there was significant growth in hierarchical CG's 7 and 8 from 1975 to 1976, attributable to both upgrading avionics systems in pre-1976 aircraft and installing complex avionics equipment in new aircraft. Tables 6 through 14 and Figures 13 through 18 show the kinds of aircraft exhibiting these changes and present other characteristics of the GA fleet.

Generally, those aircraft in low order CG's have less sophisticated characteristics than those aircraft in high order CG's as follows:

- a. As the hierarchical CG's increase in sophistication, the predominant uses also grow in sophistication from personal, to business and personal, to executive, business and personal (Table 6, Figures 13 and 14).
- b. Aircraft containing more avionics equipment and capabilities are flown more hours than those with smaller investments in avionics equipment (Table 8, Figure 15).
- c. High order CG's contain newer aircraft on the average than low order CG's (Table 9, Figure 16).
- d. As in a. above, the computed aircraft type, as well as the four individual characteristics which are combined to form computed aircraft type (simple aircraft type, engine type, number of engines, number of seats), become progressively more sophisticated moving from low to high order CG's (Tables 10 through 14, Figures 17 and 18).

A comparison of the 1976 tables with the 1975 tables reveals the following characteristics of the aircraft responsible for the growth in hierarchical CG's 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8:

- a. The changes in primary uses of aircraft in CG's 4, 7, and 8 were not significant. However, the primary use of those aircraft in CG's 2 and 6 was air taxi. In 1975, 4.78 percent air taxis fell in CG 2, as compared to 31.1 percent in 1976. Similarly, in 1975, 0.02 percent of air taxis fell in CG 6 as compared to 6.6 percent in 1976 (Table 6). As explained in Section 3.1.1, these increases most likely result from the ability acquired through the revised avionics questions for 1976 to differentiate between IFR and VFR air taxis and to place them in their proper CG's.
- b. All regions exhibited the same increases as the fleet as a whole. However, the Alaskan and Pacific regions increased more in CG 2 than the U.S. as a whole, but increased less in CG's 7 and 8 (Table 7).
- c. The aircraft flown more than 150 hours during 1976 made the largest contribution to the surge in CG's 2 and 6, likely due to the influx of air taxis into these CG's. The aircraft not flown or flown fewer than 150 hours exhibited major changes in CG 4. Very little changes from 1975 occurred in CG's 7 and 8 (Table 8).
- d. The largest growth by far in CG 8 was exhibited by planes in the 0 to 4 year age category, indicating that new planes are being more fully equipped with avionics than at any time in the past. CG 8 contained 18 percent of planes 0 to 4 years old in 1975. In 1976 this number increased to 23 percent (Table 9).
- e. The main aircraft types shifting into CG's 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 are fixed wing twin engine piston aircraft with 1-6 seats and 7 or more seats. For example, in 1975, 46 and 50 percent, respectively of these two types fell into CG 8; in 1976, 54 and 62 percent fell into CG 8. Other aircraft types exhibited little or no changes (Table 10).

3.2.2 Characteristics of Non-Hierarchical CG's

In the discussion of Table 5 it was noted that the non-hierarchical groups containing complete ILS, grew substantially from 1975 to 1976. Tables 15 through 23 and Figures 19 through 22 help to identify which kinds of GA aircraft installed these avionics systems during 1976, and to characterize in general the kinds of GA aircraft equipped with these avionics.

Tables 15 through 23 show that sophisticated aircraft in terms of characteristics such as primary use, aircraft type, flying hours, etc., are more likely to possess advanced avionics systems than the simpler aircraft in the GA fleet as follows:

- a. As non-hierarchical CG's increase in sophistication, the predominant primary uses of aircraft change from personal and business, to personal, business and executive, to business and executive. For example, executive aircraft alone compose over 49 percent of the aircraft reporting both a complete ILS and a radar altimeter and over 51 percent of the aircraft reporting both a long range RNAV and a MLS, yet executive aircraft compose only 5.0 percent of the reporting fleet (Table 15 and Figure 19).
- b. Aircraft containing more avionics equipment and capabilities fly more hours than aircraft with small investments in avionics equipment (Table 17 and Figure 20).
- c. Aircraft falling into the non-grouped category are older than those falling into the other non-hierarchical CG's. Within the latter groups, age decreases as the level of avionics increases (Table 18 and Figure 21).
- d. Computed aircraft type increases in sophistication as the level of avionics increases. This direct relationship also holds for the following four characteristics which are combined to form computed aircraft type: simple aircraft type, engine type, number of engines, and number of seats (Tables 19 through 23 and Figure 22).

Comparing Tables 15 through 23 with the equivalent tables from 1975 identifies the characteristics of aircraft which acquired new avionics equipment during 1976 as follows:

- a. Business and personal use aircraft accounted for the bulk of new complete ILS's in 1976. Other primary use categories showed smaller increases in the number of ILS's or remained approximately equal (Table 15).
- b. All regions of the U.S. showed increases in the proportion of complete ILS's except the foreign region (Table 16).
- c. Increases in complete ILS's were evident in all hours flown categories except the inactive one (Table 17).
- d. Addition of a complete ILS was evident in all age categories with the largest gain in the 25-29 year bracket (Table 18).

TABLE 6. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - PRIMARY USE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

		1976								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
EXECUTIVE	56	72	293	1066	11	18	131	4736	6383	
ROW %	0.9	1.1	4.6	16.7	0.2	0.3	2.1	74.2	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.3	0.9	0.8	2.4	11.2	3.4	2.9	27.6	5.0	
BUSINESS	664	568	4038	11693	39	65	1279	6235	24491	
ROW %	2.7	2.3	16.5	47.4	0.2	0.3	5.2	25.5	100.0	
COLUMN %	3.9	6.7	11.1	25.8	39.8	12.3	28.4	36.3	19.0	
PERSONAL	6145	3355	20701	20454	20	89	1574	2681	55019	
ROW %	11.2	6.1	37.6	37.2	0.0	0.2	2.9	4.9	100.0	
COLUMN %	36.4	39.7	57.1	45.6	20.4	16.9	34.9	15.6	42.7	
AERIAL AP.	2272	424	244	178	0	0	33	53	3204	
ROW %	70.9	13.2	7.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.7	100.0	
COLUMN %	13.5	5.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	2.5	
INSTRUCT.	336	418	3709	3053	1	9	248	255	8029	
ROW %	4.2	5.2	46.2	38.0	0.0	0.1	3.1	3.2	100.0	
COLUMN %	2.0	4.9	10.2	6.8	1.0	1.7	5.5	1.5	6.2	
AIR TAXI	30	1251	117	882	6	266	237	1230	4019	
ROW %	0.7	31.1	2.9	21.9	0.1	6.6	5.9	30.6	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.2	14.8	0.3	2.0	6.1	50.4	5.3	7.2	3.1	

TABLE 6. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - PRIMARY USE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
INSTALLED	77	343	410	512	3	6	139	167	1657
ROW %	4.6	20.7	24.7	30.9	0.2	0.4	8.4	10.1	100.0
COLUMN %	0.5	4.1	1.1	1.1	3.1	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.3
RENTAL	132	175	1318	2927	2	6	403	423	5386
ROW %	2.5	3.2	24.5	54.3	0.0	0.1	7.5	7.9	100.0
COLUMN %	0.8	2.1	3.6	6.5	2.0	1.1	8.9	2.5	4.2
OTHER	366	275	443	533	2	6	80	283	1988
ROW %	18.4	13.8	22.3	26.8	0.1	0.3	4.0	14.2	100.0
COLUMN %	2.2	3.3	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.5
INACT UNKN	6793	1579	5010	3694	14	63	386	1112	18651
ROW %	36.4	8.5	26.9	19.8	0.1	0.3	2.1	6.0	100.0
COLUMN %	40.3	18.7	13.8	8.2	14.3	11.9	8.6	6.5	14.5
TOTALS	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications	7. Two-way communications
2. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis	Two systems - air taxis
3. Two-way communications	4096 code transponder	4096 code transponder
Two systems - air taxis	Altitude encoding equipment	Altitude encoding equipment
VOR or ADF or RNAV	VOR or RNAV	VOR or RNAV
5. Two-way communications	4096 code transponder	8. Two-way communications
Two systems - air taxis	Altitude encoding equipment	Two systems - air taxis
VOR or ADF or RNAV	VOR or RNAV	4096 code transponder
6. Two-way communications	4096 code transponder	Altitude encoding equipment
Two systems - air taxis	Altitude encoding equipment	VOR or RNAV
VOR or ADF or RNAV	VOR or RNAV	DME }

TABLE 7. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - BASE AIRPORT REGION VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

1976								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 TOTALS
NEW ENGLND	621	270	1412	1325	5	25	280	582 4520
ROW %	13.7	6.0	31.2	29.3	0.1	0.6	6.2	12.9 100.0
COLUMN %	3.7	3.2	3.9	3.0	5.1	4.7	6.2	3.4 3.5
EASTERN	1842	808	4016	5238	10	87	898	2425 15324
ROW %	12.0	5.3	26.2	34.2	0.1	0.6	5.9	15.8 100.0
COLUMN %	10.9	9.6	11.1	11.7	10.2	16.5	19.9	14.1 11.9
SOUTHERN	2014	987	4209	6329	16	84	535	2718 16892
ROW %	11.9	5.8	24.9	37.5	0.1	0.5	3.2	16.1 100.0
COLUMN %	11.9	11.7	11.6	14.1	16.3	15.9	11.9	15.8 13.1
GREAT LAKE	3276	1206	7214	8493	15	85	604	3102 23995
ROW %	13.7	5.0	30.1	35.4	0.1	0.4	2.5	12.9 100.0
COLUMN %	19.4	14.3	19.9	18.9	15.3	16.1	13.4	18.1 18.6
CENTRAL	1365	449	2491	3329	4	36	167	1088 8929
ROW %	15.3	5.0	27.9	37.3	0.0	0.4	1.9	12.2 100.0
COLUMN %	8.1	5.3	6.9	7.4	4.1	6.8	3.7	6.3 6.9
POCKY MTS	956	515	1982	2042	4	22	166	600 6287
ROW %	15.2	8.2	31.5	32.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	9.5 100.0
COLUMN %	5.7	6.1	5.5	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.5 4.9
NORTHWEST	1054	614	2394	2621	5	13	177	688 7566
ROW %	13.9	8.1	31.6	34.6	0.1	0.2	2.3	9.1 100.0
COLUMN %	6.2	7.3	6.6	5.8	5.1	2.5	3.9	4.0 5.9

TABLE 7. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - BASE AIRPORT REGION VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	1.
2. Two-way communication	2.
3. Two-way communications Two systems - DIR TAXIS VFR or ADI or RNAV	3.

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- a. two way communications
 - two systems for air taxi
 - attitude encoding equipment
 - high code transponder
 - VOR
 - DME
 - RNAV

TABLE 8. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - HOURS FLOWN VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

1976								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1-49	4398	2045	9583	5129	10	53	332	825
ROW %	19.7	9.1	42.8	22.9	0.0	0.2	1.5	3.7
COLUMN %	26.1	24.2	26.4	11.4	10.2	10.0	7.4	4.8
50-99	2146	1392	8575	9216	15	56	693	1589
ROW %	9.1	5.9	36.2	38.9	0.1	0.2	2.9	6.7
COLUMN %	12.7	16.5	23.6	20.5	15.3	10.6	15.4	9.3
100-149	1079	725	4695	8533	16	45	804	2394
ROW %	5.9	4.0	25.7	46.7	0.1	0.2	4.4	13.1
COLUMN %	6.4	8.6	12.9	19.0	16.3	8.5	17.8	13.9
150-199	480	407	1974	4868	6	36	517	1938
ROW %	4.7	4.0	19.3	47.6	0.1	0.4	5.1	19.0
COLUMN %	2.8	4.8	5.4	10.8	6.1	6.8	11.5	11.3
200-249	480	382	1353	3774	11	42	469	1991
ROW %	5.6	4.5	15.9	44.4	0.1	0.5	5.5	23.4
COLUMN %	2.8	4.5	3.7	8.4	11.2	8.0	10.4	11.6
250-299	297	237	766	1984	7	32	247	1333
ROW %	6.1	4.8	15.6	40.5	0.1	0.7	5.0	27.2
COLUMN %	1.8	2.8	2.1	4.4	7.1	6.1	5.5	7.8
300-349	311	302	809	1827	6	29	205	1400
ROW %	6.4	6.2	16.5	37.4	0.1	0.6	4.2	28.6
COLUMN %	1.8	3.6	2.2	4.1	6.1	5.5	4.5	8.2

TABLE 8. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - HOURS FLOWN VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

			1976									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS	
			350-399	188	158	479	1061	4	17	131	872	2910
ROW %			400-449	6.5	5.4	16.5	36.5	0.1	0.6	4.5	30.0	100.0
COLUMN %			450 UP	1.1	1.9	1.3	2.4	4.1	3.2	2.9	5.1	2.3
			INACTIVE	197	176	500	1005	2	30	152	906	2968
ROW %			UNKNCWN	6.6	5.9	16.8	33.9	0.1	1.0	5.1	30.5	100.0
COLUMN %			TOTALS	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.2	2.0	5.7	3.4	5.3	2.3
			16871	817	2395	3811	7	125	574	2815	11430	
ROW %			13.1	16.6	8.0	27.5	32.9	0.1	1.1	5.0	24.6	100.0
COLUMN %			100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

KEY

1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications	6. Two-way communications	8. Two-way communications
2. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder VOR or RNAV	Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment
3. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	7. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment
			VOR or RNAV

TABLE 9. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AGE OF AIRCRAFT VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

1976							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0-4 YRS	3110	2129	5387	12099	35	186	1592
ROW %	9.8	6.7	16.9	38.0	0.1	0.6	5.0
COLUMN %	18.4	25.2	14.8	26.9	35.7	35.2	35.3
5-9 YRS	1667	1662	6630	10833	23	132	928
ROW %	6.3	6.3	25.1	41.6	0.1	0.5	3.5
COLUMN %	9.9	19.6	18.3	24.1	23.5	25.0	20.6
10-14 YRS	1392	1199	7214	10866	23	76	940
ROW %	5.5	4.8	28.7	43.3	0.1	0.3	3.7
COLUMN %	8.3	14.2	19.9	24.2	23.5	14.4	20.8
15-19 YRS	940	780	5268	6066	4	57	570
ROW %	6.3	5.3	35.6	41.0	0.0	0.4	3.8
COLUMN %	5.6	9.2	14.5	13.5	4.1	10.8	12.6
20-24 YRS	652	518	3757	2651	4	29	254
ROW %	7.9	6.3	45.8	32.3	0.0	0.4	3.1
COLUMN %	3.9	6.1	10.4	5.9	4.1	5.5	5.6
25-29 YRS	1669	777	4243	1567	0	21	116
ROW %	19.6	9.1	49.8	18.4	0.0	0.2	1.4
COLUMN %	9.9	9.2	11.7	3.5	0.0	4.0	2.6
							TOTALS
							31829
							7291
							22.9
							100.0
							42.5
							24.7

TABLE 9. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AGE OF AIRCRAFT VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

			1976								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
30-34 YRS	4654	951	3137	537	5	17	64	143	9508		
ROW %	48.9	10.0	33.0	5.6	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.5	100.0		
COLUMN %	27.6	11.2	8.6	1.2	5.1	3.2	1.4	0.8	7.4		
35+ YRS	2275	287	340	76	2	4	13	39	3030		
ROW %	75.1	9.5	11.2	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.3	100.0		
COLUMN %	13.5	3.4	0.9	0.2	2.0	0.8	0.3	0.2	2.4		
UNREPORTED	512	157	307	213	2	6	33	195	1425		
ROW %	35.9	11.0	21.5	14.9	0.1	0.4	2.3	13.7	109.0		
COLUMN %	3.0	1.9	0.8	0.5	2.0	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.1		
TOTALS	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827		
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0		
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications	6. Two-way communications	8. Two-way communications
2. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis	4096 code transponder	Two systems - air taxis
3. Two-way communications	4096 code transponder	Altitude encoding equipment	Altitude encoding equipment
	VOR or RNAV	VOR or RNAV	VOR or RNAV
4. Two systems - air taxis	5. 4096 code transponder	7. Two-way communications	9. Two systems - air taxis
VOR or ADF or RNAV	Altitude encoding equipment	Two systems - air taxis	4096 code transponder

TABLE 10. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - COMPUTED AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

1976									TOTALS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
TYPE 1	13146	3578	18609	5114	11	57	247	73	40835
ROW %	32.2	8.8	45.6	12.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.2	100.0
COLUMN %	77.9	42.3	51.3	11.4	11.2	10.8	5.5	0.4	31.7
TYPE 2	1638	2040	16571	34756	42	188	3614	5964	64813
ROW %	2.5	3.1	25.6	53.6	0.1	0.3	5.6	9.2	100.0
COLUMN %	9.7	24.1	45.7	77.4	42.9	35.6	80.1	34.7	50.3
TYPE 3	90	125	454	3421	28	129	371	5501	10119
ROW %	0.9	1.2	4.5	33.8	0.3	1.3	3.7	54.4	100.0
COLUMN %	0.5	1.5	1.3	7.6	28.6	24.4	8.2	32.0	7.9
TYPE 4	104	196	209	901	11	105	189	2619	4244
ROW %	2.5	2.5	4.9	21.2	0.3	2.5	4.5	61.7	100.0
COLUMN %	0.6	1.3	0.6	2.0	11.2	19.9	4.2	15.2	3.3
TYPE 5	8	7	27	86	0	1	4	36	169
ROW %	4.7	4.1	16.0	50.9	0.0	0.6	2.4	21.3	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
TYPE 6	1	1	17	51	1	4	6	1261	1342
ROW %	0.1	0.1	1.3	3.8	0.1	0.3	0.4	94.0	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.8	0.1	7.3	1.0
TYPE 7	1	6	11	39	1	5	15	308	386
ROW %	6.3	1.6	2.8	10.1	0.3	1.3	3.9	79.8	100.0
COLUMN %	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.3	1.8	0.3
TYPE 8	1	2	3	14	0	0	0	18	38
ROW %	2.6	5.3	7.9	36.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	47.4	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0

TABLE 10. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - COMPUTED AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

			1976				1977		1978		TOTALS	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
			TYPE 9	3	1	18	29	2	17	2	1181	1253
ROW %	0.2	0.1	1.4	2.3	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	94.3	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0	2.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	6.9	1.0	
			TYPE 10	24	3	12	21	0	0	2	144	206
ROW %	11.7	1.5	5.8	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	69.9	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.2	
			TYPE 11	810	1010	197	65	0	0	7	6	2103
ROW %	38.5	48.0	9.4	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	100.0	
COLUMN %	4.8	11.9	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.6	
			TYPE 12	27	523	137	400	0	8	7	6	1204
ROW %	2.2	43.4	11.4	33.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	3.9	5.1	5.1	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.2	6.2	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.9	
			TYPE 13	1018	1058	18	5	2	6	6	2	2115
ROW %	48.1	50.0	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	100.0	
COLUMN %	6.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.6
			ALL CRAFT	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0	
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two way communications	6. Two way communications	8. Two way communications
	Two systems - air taxis	4096 code transponder	Two systems - air taxis
	4096 code transponder	Altitude encoding equipment	4096 code transponder
	VOR or RNAV		Altitude encoding equipment
2. Two way communications		7. Two way communications	
		Two systems - air taxis	
		4096 code transponder	
		Altitude encoding equipment	
3. Two way communications		5. Two way communications	
		Two systems - air taxis	
		4096 code transponder	
		Altitude encoding equipment	
		VOR or ADP or RNAV	

TABLE 11. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

			1976								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
GLIDER	690	998	16	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1712
ROW %	40.3	58.3	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100.0
COLUMN %	4.1	11.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
BALLOON	328	60	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	397
ROW %	82.6	15.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
COLUMN %	1.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
BLIMP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.3	16.7	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
FIXED WING,ENG=1	14808	5623	35192	39886	53	245	3863	6052	105722		
ROW %	14.0	5.3	33.3	37.7	0.1	0.2	3.7	5.7	100.0		
COLUMN %	87.8	66.5	97.0	88.8	54.1	46.4	85.7	35.2	82.1		
FIXED WING,ENG>1	208	246	739	4546	43	261	587	11053	17683		
ROW %	1.2	1.4	4.2	25.7	0.2	1.5	3.3	62.5	100.0		
COLUMN %	1.2	2.9	2.0	10.1	43.9	49.4	13.0	64.4	13.7		
ROTORCRAFT	837	1533	334	465	0	16	54	68	3307		
ROW %	25.3	46.4	10.1	14.1	0.0	0.5	1.6	2.1	100.0		
COLUMN %	5.0	18.1	0.9	1.0	0.0	3.0	1.2	0.4	2.6		

TABLE 11. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

1976

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
UNREPORTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications	6. Two way communications
2. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder VOR or RNAV	1096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment
3. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis VOR or ADF or RNAV	8. Two systems - air taxis Altitude encoding equipment
	5. 4096 code transponder	9. Two way communications Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment

TABLE 12. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - ENGINE TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

	1976								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
RECIPROCAT	15816	6879	36067	44344	92	489	4437	14200	122324
ROW %	12.9	5.6	29.5	36.3	0.1	0.4	3.6	11.6	100.0
COLUMN %	93.7	81.3	99.4	98.8	93.9	92.6	98.4	82.7	95.0
TURBOPROP	3	9	33	104	2	9	21	1587	1768
ROW %	0.2	0.5	1.9	5.9	0.1	0.5	1.2	89.8	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.0	1.7	0.5	9.2	1.4
TURBOSHAFT	27	523	135	400	0	8	47	62	1202
ROW %	2.2	43.5	11.2	33.3	0.0	0.7	3.9	5.2	100.0
COLUMN %	0.2	6.2	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.5	1.0	0.4	0.9
TURBOJET	27	4	30	50	2	17	4	1325	1459
ROW %	1.9	2.3	2.1	3.4	0.1	1.2	0.3	90.8	100.0
COLUMN %	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	2.0	3.2	0.1	7.7	1.1
TURB GEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RAMJET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

TABLE 12. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - ENGINE TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

	1976								TOTALS	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
NO ENGINE	998	1045	18	4	2	5	1	1	2074	
ROW %	48.1	50.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	100.0	
COLUMN %	5.9	12.4	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.6	
UNREPORTED	0									
ROW %	0.0									
COLUMN %	0.0									
TOTALS	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827	
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0	
COLUMN %	100.0									

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications	6. Two-way communications	8. Two-way communications
2. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis	4096 code transponder	Two systems - air taxis
3. Two-way communications	4096 code transponder	Altitude encoding equipment	Altitude encoding equipment
Two systems - air taxis	VOR or RNAV	4096 code transponder	VOR or RNAV
VOR or ADF or RNAV	5. 4096 code transponder	7. Two-way communications	4096 code transponder
	Altitude encoding equipment	Two systems - air taxis	4096 code transponder
		Altitude encoding equipment	Altitude encoding equipment

TABLE 13. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF ENGINES VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

			1976								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
ONE	15664	7113	35519	40325	53	262	3915	6107	108958		
ROW %	14.4	6.5	32.6	37.0	0.0	0.2	3.6	5.6	100.0		
COLUMN %	92.8	84.1	97.9	89.8	54.1	49.6	86.8	35.6	84.6		
TWO	200	295	716	4468	43	260	590	10884	17456		
ROW %	1.1	1.7	4.1	25.6	0.2	1.5	3.4	62.4	100.0		
COLUMN %	1.2	3.5	2.0	10.0	43.9	49.2	13.1	63.4	13.5		
THREE	0	3	2	2	0	0	1	8	16		
ROW %	0.0	18.8	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	6.3	50.0	100.0		
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
FOUR	9	4	28	103	0	1	3	175	323		
ROW %	2.8	1.2	8.7	31.9	0.0	0.3	0.9	54.2	100.0		
COLUMN %	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.3		
MCPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
NCNE	998	1045	18	4	2	5	1	1	2074		
ROW %	48.1	50.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	100.0		
COLUMN %	5.9	12.4	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.6		
TOTALS	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827		
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0		
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

TABLE 15. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF ENGINES VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder VOR or RNAV	6. Two-way communications 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	8. Two-way communication, Two systems - air taxis Altitude encoding equipment 4096 code transponder VOR } or RNAV DME }
2. Two-way communications			
3. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis VOR or ADF or RNAV	5. 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	7. Two-way communications Two systems - air taxis 4096 code transponder Altitude encoding equipment	

TABLE 14. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF SEATS VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

			1976								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
1 SEAT	4369	1524	553	84	1	4	11	14	14	6560	
ROW %	66.6	23.2	8.4	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	100.0	
COLUMN %	25.9	18.0	1.5	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	5.1	
2 SEATS	8204	2724	16159	4894	11	51	218	72	32333		
ROW %	25.4	8.4	50.0	15.1	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.2	100.0		
COLUMN %	48.6	32.2	44.5	10.9	11.2	9.7	4.8	0.4	25.1		
3 SEATS	2178	1208	2081	224	1	17	28	7	5744		
ROW %	37.9	21.0	36.2	3.9	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	100.0		
COLUMN %	12.9	14.3	5.7	0.5	1.0	3.2	0.6	0.0	4.5		
4 SEATS	1546	1866	15332	30178	23	117	2998	3492	55552		
ROW %	2.8	3.4	27.6	54.3	0.0	0.2	5.4	6.3	100.0		
COLUMN %	9.2	22.1	42.3	67.2	23.5	22.2	66.5	20.3	43.1		
5 SEATS	191	407	976	2768	5	18	325	815	5505		
ROW %	3.5	7.4	17.7	50.3	0.1	0.3	5.9	14.8	100.0		
COLUMN %	1.1	4.8	2.7	6.2	5.1	3.4	7.2	4.7	4.3		
6 SEATS	141	449	802	5520	42	187	690	7317	15148		
ROW %	0.9	3.0	5.3	36.4	0.3	1.2	4.6	48.3	100.0		
COLUMN %	0.8	5.3	2.2	12.3	42.9	35.4	15.3	42.6	11.8		

TABLE 14. HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF SEATS VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

				1976								
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTALS
7-11 SEATS	130	144	251	907	13	115	192	4456	6208			
ROW %	2.1	2.3	4.0	14.6	0.2	1.9	3.1	71.8	100.0			
COLUMN %	0.8	1.7	0.7	2.0	13.3	21.8	4.3	25.9	4.8			
12-19 SEATS	44	111	45	112	0	5	18	368	703			
ROW %	6.3	15.8	6.4	15.9	0.0	0.7	2.6	52.3	100.0			
COLUMN %	0.3	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.4	2.1	0.5			
20-49 SEATS	29	26	53	119	2	5	27	445	706			
ROW %	4.1	3.7	7.5	16.9	0.3	0.7	3.8	63.0	100.0			
COLUMN %	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.0	0.9	0.6	2.6	0.5			
50+ SEATS	6	0	31	96	0	9	3	189	334			
ROW %	1.8	0.0	9.3	28.7	0.0	2.7	0.9	56.6	100.0			
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.7	0.1	1.1	0.3			
UNREPORTED	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
ROW %	97.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	16871	8460	36283	44902	98	528	4510	17175	128827			
ROW %	13.1	6.6	28.2	34.9	0.1	0.4	3.5	13.3	100.0			
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
1. No regulatory avionics	4. Two-way communications	6. Two-way communications	8. Two-way communications
2. Two-way communications	Two systems - air taxis	4096 code transponder	1096 code transponder
3. Two-way communications	VOR or RNAV	VOR or RNAV	Altitude encoding equipment
Two systems - air taxis	Two systems - air taxis	Two systems - air taxis	Altitude encoding equipment
VOR or ADF or RNAV	4096 code transponder	4096 code transponder	1096 code transponder
	Altitude encoding equipment	Altitude encoding equipment	VOR or RNAV

TABLE 15. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - PRIMARY USE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

	I	1976				1976				NO. GROUP	ALL CRAFT
		L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	IRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	IRN, ML	RA		
EXECUTIVE	229	149	2903	2616	469	2647	72	70	28	465	6383
ROW %	3.6	2.3	45.5	41.0	7.3	41.5	1.1	1.1	0.4	7.3	100.0
COLUMN %	1.9	1.2	8.1	49.7	52.7	47.7	31.3	33.7	51.9	0.7	5.0
BUSINESS	1633	2730	11878	1286	127	1350	74	67	9	6926	24491
ROW %	6.7	11.1	48.5	5.3	0.5	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	28.3	100.0
COLUMN %	13.9	22.7	33.3	24.4	14.3	24.3	32.2	32.2	16.7	10.8	19.0
PROFESNL	5422	6815	10461	428	77	520	34	25	0	31832	55019
PCW %	9.9	12.4	19.0	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	57.9	100.0
COLUMN %	46.0	56.7	29.4	8.1	8.7	9.4	14.8	12.0	0.0	49.8	42.7
AERIAL AP.	95	21	1113	10	5	21	1	1	0	2955	3204
ROW %	3.0	0.7	3.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.2	100.0
COLUMN %	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	4.6
INSTRUCT.	1645	470	1913	47	9	50	2	2	0	3947	8029
ROW %	20.5	5.9	23.8	6.6	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.2	100.0
COLUMN %	14.0	3.9	5.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	6.2	6.2
AIR TAXI	262	209	2331	327	31	337	22	22	13	879	4019
ROW %	6.5	5.2	58.0	8.1	0.8	8.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	21.9	100.0
COLUMN %	2.2	1.7	6.5	6.2	3.5	6.1	9.6	10.6	24.1	1.4	3.1

TABLE 15. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - PRIMARY USE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

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Radar altimeter

MB: Marker beacon

LRN: Long range RN/AV

MI: Microwave landing system

GS: Glide slope

TABLE 16. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - BASE AIRPORT REGION VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

		1976			ML			L,MB, GS,ML		NO GROUP		ALL CRAFT	
		L,MB GS	L,MB, GS,RA	LRN	RA	ML	GS,ML	LRN,ML	ML	GS,ML	NO GROUP	LRN,ML	ALL CRAFT
NEW ENGLND	414	489	1226	145	17	154	4	4	2	2242	4520		
ROW %	9.2	10.8	27.1	3.2	0.4	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	49.6	100.0		
COLUMN %	3.5	4.1	3.4	2.8	1.9	2.8	1.7	1.9	3.7	3.5	3.5		
EASTERN	1422	1920	4500	736	184	782	33	30	13	6716	15324		
ROW %	9.3	12.5	29.4	4.8	1.2	5.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	43.8	100.0		
COLUMN %	12.1	16.0	12.6	14.0	20.7	14.1	14.3	14.4	24.1	10.5	11.9		
SOUTHERN	1531	1475	5325	766	109	807	49	46	20	7762	16892		
ROW %	9.1	8.7	31.5	4.5	0.6	4.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	46.0	100.0		
COLUMN %	13.0	12.3	14.9	14.6	12.2	14.5	21.3	22.1	37.0	12.1	13.1		
GR3AT LAKE	2235	2643	6208	1095	121	1141	41	38	5	11787	23995		
ROW %	9.3	11.0	25.9	4.6	0.5	4.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	49.1	100.0		
COLUMN %	19.0	22.0	17.4	20.8	13.6	20.5	17.8	18.3	9.3	18.4	18.6		
CENTRAL	831	751	2385	392	33	410	7	6	0	4557	8929		
ROW %	9.3	8.4	26.7	4.4	0.4	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	51.0	100.0		
COLUMN %	7.1	6.2	6.7	7.4	3.7	7.4	3.0	2.9	0.0	7.1	6.9		
ROCKY MTNS	572	405	1394	138	16	149	4	4	0	3771	6287		
ROW %	9.1	6.4	22.2	2.2	0.3	2.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	60.0	100.0		
COLUMN %	4.9	3.4	3.9	2.6	1.8	2.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	5.9	4.9		
NORTHWEST	702	656	1882	184	34	194	6	2	0	4133	7566		
ROW %	9.3	8.7	24.9	2.4	0.4	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	54.6	100.0		
COLUMN %	6.0	5.5	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.0	0.0	6.5	5.9		

TABLE 16. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - BASE AIRPORT REGION VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

1976									
	L	L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	L, MB, GS	LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML
WESTERN	1631	2002	5566	548	100	585	28	24	4
ROW X	8.6	10.6	29.4	2.9	0.5	3.1	0.1	0.1	48.4
COLUMN X	13.8	16.7	15.6	10.4	11.2	10.5	12.2	11.5	14.4
SOUTHWEST	1301	1090	4513	900	187	934	40	37	7
ROW X	8.6	7.2	29.9	6.0	1.2	6.2	0.3	0.2	48.1
COLUMN X	11.0	9.1	12.7	17.1	21.0	16.8	17.4	17.8	11.4
PACIFIC	27	13	74	4	2	4	0	0	0
ROW X	9.2	4.4	25.3	1.4	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	59.7
COLUMN X	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
ALASKAN	286	87	267	28	6	35	0	0	0
ROW X	11.7	3.6	10.9	1.1	0.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	72.4
COLUMN X	2.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.8
FOREIGN	14	5	45	18	18	0	0	0	0
ROW X	10.5	3.8	33.8	13.5	13.5	13.5	0.0	0.0	38.3
COLUMN X	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	2.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
UNKNOWN	811	482	2239	310	63	342	18	17	3
ROW X	9.7	5.7	26.7	3.7	0.8	4.1	0.2	0.2	53.9
COLUMN X	6.9	4.0	6.3	5.9	7.1	6.2	7.8	8.2	7.1
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54
ROW X	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	49.6
COLUMN X	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP

L: Localizer

RA:

Radar altimeter

MB: Marker beacon

LRN:

Long range RNAV

GS: Glide slope

ML: Microwave landing system

TABLE 17. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - HOURS FLOWN VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

	L	L, MB	L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	1976	LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT
1-49	2086	1524	2675	206	54	251	11	8	0	15851	22375	
ROW %	9.3	6.8	12.0	6.9	9.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.8	100.0	
COLUMN %	17.7	12.7	7.5	3.9	6.1	4.5	4.8	3.8	0.0	24.8	17.4	
50-99	2510	2868	4857	336	63	375	21	17	3	13084	23682	
ROW %	10.6	12.1	20.5	1.4	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	55.2	100.0	
COLUMN %	21.3	23.9	13.6	6.4	7.1	6.8	9.1	8.2	5.6	20.5	18.4	
100-149	1663	2501	6013	474	68	509	24	21	3	7619	18291	
ROW %	9.1	13.7	32.9	2.6	0.4	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	41.7	100.0	
COLUMN %	14.1	20.8	16.9	9.0	7.6	9.2	10.4	10.1	5.6	11.9	14.2	
150-199	818	1366	4230	434	53	467	23	18	2	3360	10226	
ROW %	8.0	13.4	41.4	4.2	0.5	4.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	32.9	100.0	
COLUMN %	6.9	11.4	11.9	8.2	6.0	8.4	10.0	8.7	3.7	5.3	7.9	
200-249	664	1012	3752	539	55	562	22	20	1	2523	8502	
ROW %	7.8	11.9	44.1	6.3	0.6	6.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	29.7	100.0	
COLUMN %	5.6	8.4	10.5	10.2	6.2	10.1	9.6	9.6	1.9	3.9	6.6	
250-299	366	447	2279	38 ^a	35	402	15	14	1	1415	4903	
ROW %	7.5	9.1	46.5	7.9	0.7	8.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	28.9	100.0	
COLUMN %	3.1	3.7	6.4	7.4	3.9	7.2	6.5	6.7	1.9	2.2	3.8	
300-349	419	388	2175	446	62	456	17	17	4	1451	4889	
ROW %	8.6	7.9	44.5	9.1	1.3	9.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	29.7	100.0	
COLUMN %	3.6	3.2	6.1	8.5	7.0	8.2	7.4	8.2	7.4	2.3	3.8	

TABLE 17. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - HOURS FLOWN VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

		1970						1976					
		L	L, MB	L, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	L, RN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	L, RN, ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT	
350-399	250	218	1249	352	51	358	12	12	5	838	2910		
	8.6	7.5	42.9	12.1	1.8	12.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	28.8	100.0		
	2.1	1.8	3.5	6.7	5.7	6.4	5.2	5.8	9.3	1.3	2.3		
400-449	273	181	1281	403	54	412	13	13	1	822	2968		
	9.2	6.1	43.2	13.6	1.8	13.9	0.4	0.4	0.0	27.7	100.0		
	2.3	1.5	3.6	7.7	6.1	7.4	5.7	6.3	1.9	1.3	2.3		
450 UP	1490	544	4220	1369	319	1400	57	55	31	3767	11430		
	13.0	4.8	36.9	12.0	2.8	12.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	33.0	100.0		
	12.7	4.5	11.8	26.0	35.8	25.2	24.8	26.4	57.4	5.9	8.9		
INACTIVE	443	209	439	46	14	63	2	1	0	8012	9158		
	4.8	2.3	4.8	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.5	100.0		
	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.0	12.5	7.1		
UNKNOWN	795	760	2454	270	62	309	13	12	3	5183	9493		
	8.4	8.0	25.9	2.8	0.7	3.2	0.1	6.1	0.0	54.6	100.0		
	6.8	6.3	6.9	5.1	7.0	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.6	8.1	7.4		
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54	63925	128827		
	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	49.6	100.0		
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

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L: Localizer
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TABLE 18. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AGE OF AIRCRAFT VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

				1976				NO		ALL	
		L	L,MB,	L,MB,	LEN	RA	ML	L,MB,	LRN,ML	GROUP	CRAFT
			GS	GS,RA			GS,ML				
0-4 YRS	3244	1488	12763	2384	324	2459	87	85	20	11880	31829
	30W %	10.2	4.7	40.1	7.5	1.0	7.7	0.3	0.1	37.3	100.0
	COLUMN %	27.5	12.4	35.8	45.3	36.4	44.3	37.8	40.9	37.0	18.6
5-9 YRS	2179	3144	8423	1641	236	1718	55	48	14	10968	26403
	ROW %	8.3	11.9	31.9	6.2	0.9	6.5	0.2	0.1	41.5	100.0
	COLUMN %	18.5	26.2	23.6	31.2	26.5	30.9	23.9	23.1	25.9	17.2
10-14 YRS	2167	3643	7710	801	172	859	48	43	8	10744	25104
	ROW %	8.6	14.5	30.7	3.2	0.7	3.4	0.2	0.2	42.8	100.0
	COLUMN %	18.4	30.3	21.6	15.2	15.3	15.5	20.9	20.7	14.8	16.8
15-19 YRS	1531	2005	3834	226	80	250	29	26	11	7192	14806
	ROW %	10.3	13.5	25.9	1.5	0.5	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	48.6
	COLUMN %	13.0	16.7	10.8	4.3	9.0	4.5	12.6	12.5	20.4	11.3
20-24 YRS	984	910	1526	58	23	78	4	2	1	4717	8209
	ROW %	12.0	11.1	18.6	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	57.5	100.0
	COLUMN %	8.4	7.6	4.3	1.1	2.6	1.4	1.7	1.0	7.4	6.4
25-29 YRS	931	591	650	28	13	43	2	1	0	6301	8513
	ROW %	10.9	6.9	7.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	74.0	100.0
	COLUMN %	7.9	4.9	1.8	0.5	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.0	9.9

TABLE 18. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AGE OF AIRCRAFT VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

			1976			1976			ALL CRAFT		
	L	L, MB GS	L, MB GS	L, MB, GS, RA	LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML	NO GROUP	
30-34 YRS	573	164	391	38	14	51	5	3	0	8331	9508
ROW %	6.0	1.7	4.1	3.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	87.6	100.0
COLUMN %	4.9	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.6	0.9	2.2	1.4	0.0	13.0	7.4
35+ YRS	66	20	87	3	1	7	0	0	0	2850	3030
ROW %	2.2	0.7	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.1	100.0
COLUMN %	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	2.4
UNREPORTED	102	53	240	85	27	90	0	0	0	942	1425
ROW %	7.2	3.7	16.8	6.0	1.9	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.1	100.0
COLUMN %	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.6	3.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.1
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54	63925	128827
ROW %	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	49.6	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP

GROUP

L: Localizer RA: Radar altimeter
 MB: Marker beacon LRN: Long range RNAV
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TABLE 19. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - COMPUTED AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

	L	L,MB	L,GS	L,MB, GS,RA	1976	ML	L,MB, GS,ML	ML	L,MB, GS,ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT
TYPE 1	4348	1372	1038	11	23	62	8	5	1	34015	40835
ROW %	10.6	3.4	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.3	100.0
COLUMN %	36.9	11.4	2.9	0.2	2.6	1.1	3.5	2.4	1.9	53.2	31.7
TYPE 2	6851	10065	22911	707	153	840	66	51	4	24192	64813
ROW %	10.6	15.5	35.3	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	37.3	100.0
COLUMN %	58.2	83.7	64.3	13.4	17.2	15.1	28.7	24.5	7.4	37.8	50.3
TYPE 3	197	484	7699	1341	82	1372	43	42	4	381	10119
ROW %	1.9	4.8	76.1	13.3	0.8	13.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	3.8	100.0
COLUMN %	1.7	4.0	21.6	25.5	9.2	24.7	18.7	20.2	7.4	0.6	7.9
TYPE 4	83	44	2974	873	73	882	46	45	14	265	4244
ROW %	2.0	1.0	70.1	20.6	1.7	20.8	1.1	1.1	0.3	6.2	100.0
COLUMN %	0.7	0.4	8.3	16.6	8.2	15.9	20.0	21.6	25.9	0.4	3.3
TYPE 5	3	2	100	9	5	10	5	5	3	55	169
ROW %	1.8	1.2	59.2	5.3	3.0	5.9	3.0	3.0	1.8	32.5	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	2.2	2.4	5.6	0.1	0.1
TYPE 6	1	3	361	964	54	967	17	16	6	12	1342
ROW %	0.1	0.2	26.9	71.8	4.0	72.1	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.9	105.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	1.0	18.3	6.1	17.4	7.4	7.7	11.1	0.0	1.0
TYPE 7	3	1	232	144	48	148	12	12	5	5	386
ROW %	0.8	0.3	60.1	37.3	12.4	38.3	3.1	3.1	1.3	1.3	100.0
COLUMN %	3.0	0.0	0.7	2.7	5.4	2.7	5.2	5.8	9.3	0.0	0.3
TYPE 8	1	2	17	13	4	13	0	0	0	5	38
ROW %	2.6	5.3	44.7	34.2	10.5	34.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

TABLE 19. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - COMPUTED AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

1976									
	L	L, MB	L, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML
TYPE 9	1	7	192	1037	313	1046	28	28	14
ROW %	0.1	1.6	15.3	82.8	25.0	83.5	2.2	1.1	1.2
COLUMN %	0.0	0.1	0.5	19.7	35.2	18.8	12.2	13.5	1253
TYPE 10	9	3	47	118	103	118	3	3	1.1
ROW %	4.4	1.5	22.8	57.3	50.0	57.3	1.5	1.5	100.0
COLUMN %	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.2	11.6	2.1	1.3	1.4	0.0
TYPE 11	52	5	8	2	2	10	0	0	29
ROW %	2.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	206
COLUMN %	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	14.1
TYPE 12	226	24	45	45	30	81	1	1	100.0
ROW %	18.8	2.0	3.7	3.7	2.5	6.7	0.1	0.1	0.0
COLUMN %	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.9	3.4	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.0
TYPE 13	2	6	0	0	0	6	1	0	96.5
ROW %	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	3.2
ALL CRAFT	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	825
ROW %	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	1204
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP
L:	Localizer	RA:
MB:	Marker beacon	LRN:
GS:	Glide slope	ML:

TABLE 20. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

		1976			1976			1976			ALL CRAFT		
		L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	IRN	FA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	IRN, ML	FA	ML	NO GROUP	NO CRAFT	
GLIDER	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1705	1712	
	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.6	100.0	
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	
BALLOON	7	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	395	397	
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	100.0	
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	
BLIMP	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
FIXED WING, ENG=1	11269	11440	23973	723	177	907	74	56	5	58239	105722		
	10.6	10.8	22.7	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	55.1	100.0		
	95.2	95.2	67.3	13.7	19.9	16.3	32.2	26.9	9.3	91.1	82.1		
FIXED WING, ENG>1	288	543	11598	4494	681	4551	154	151	49	732	17683		
	1.6	3.1	65.6	25.4	3.9	25.7	0.9	0.9	0.3	4.1	100.0		
	2.4	4.5	32.6	85.4	76.5	81.9	67.0	72.6	90.7	1.1	13.7		
ROTORCRAFT	278	29	53	47	32	91	1	1	0	2854	3307		
	8.4	9.9	1.6	1.4	1.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	86.3	100.0		
	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.9	3.6	1.6	0.4	0.5	0.0	4.5	2.6		

TABLE 20. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - AIRCRAFT TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

	1976										
	L	L, MB	L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT
UNREPORTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54	63925	128827
ROW %	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	49.6	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP	GROUP
L: Localizer	RA: Radar altimeter
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GS: Glide slope	ML: Microwave landing system

TABLE 21. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - ENGINE TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

	L	L, MB	L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	1976	LEN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT
RECIPROCAT	11534	11978	34730	2943	338	3176	168	148	26	60972	122324	
ROW %	9.4	9.8	28.4	2.4	0.3	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	49.8	100.0	
COLUMN %	97.9	99.7	97.5	55.9	38.0	57.2	73.0	71.2	48.1	95.4	95.0	
TURBOPROP	5	6	610	1121	106	1128	29	28	11	24	1768	
ROW %	0.3	2.3	34.5	63.4	6.0	63.8	1.6	1.6	0.6	1.4	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	1.7	21.3	11.9	20.3	12.6	13.5	20.4	0.0	1.4	
TURBOSHIFT	226	24	45	45	30	81	1	1	0	823	1202	
ROW %	18.8	2.0	3.7	3.7	2.5	6.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	68.5	100.0	
COLUMN %	1.9	5.2	0.1	6.9	3.4	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	1.3	0.9	
TURBOJET	10	19	239	1155	416	1164	31	31	17	41	1459	
ROW %	0.7	0.7	16.4	79.2	28.5	79.8	2.1	2.1	1.2	2.8	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.1	0.1	0.7	21.9	46.7	21.0	13.5	14.9	31.5	0.1	1.1	
TURB AIR GLW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
RANGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

TABLE 21. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - ENGINE TYPE VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

	1976						ALL CRAFT		
	L	L,MB,	L,MB, GS,RA	LRN	RA	ML	L,MB, GS,Mil	LRN,ML	NO GROUP
NO ENGINE	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
ROW %	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	99.6
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.2
UNREPORTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54
ROW %	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	9.2	0.2	0.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

GROUP

KEY

GROUP	RA:	LRN:	ML:
L: Localizer	Radar altimeter		
MB: Marker beacon	Long range RNAV		
GS: Glide slope	Microwave landing system		

TABLE 22. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF ENGINES VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

			1976			ALL					
			L	L, MB	L, MB, GS	LRN	RA	ML GS, ML	LRN, ML GS, ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT
CNE	11479	11467	24021	748	202	971	74	56	5	61064	108958
ROW %	10.5	10.5	22.0	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	56.0	100.0
COLUMN %	97.5	95.4	67.4	14.2	22.7	17.5	32.2	26.9	9.3	95.5	84.6
TWC	293	547	11463	4381	577	4442	147	144	43	739	17456
ROW %	1.7	3.1	65.7	25.1	3.3	25.4	0.8	0.8	0.2	4.2	100.0
COLUMN %	2.5	4.6	32.2	83.2	64.8	80.0	63.9	69.2	79.6	1.2	13.5
THREE	0	0	3	7	3	7	1	1	1	6	16
ROW %	0.0	0.0	18.8	43.8	18.8	43.8	6.3	6.3	37.5	100.0	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	1.9	0.0	0.0
FOUR	3	4	137	128	108	129	7	7	5	51	323
ROW %	0.9	1.2	42.4	39.6	33.4	39.9	2.2	2.2	1.5	15.8	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	2.0	0.4	2.4	12.1	2.3	3.0	3.4	9.3	0.1	0.3
MORE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NCNE	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	2065
ROW %	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	99.6	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	3.2	1.6
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54	63925	128827
ROW %	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	49.6	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 22. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF ENGINES VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

KEY		GROUP	GROUP
L:	Localizer	RA:	Radar altimeter
MB:	Marker beacon	LRN:	Long range RNAV
GS:	Glide slope	ML:	Microwave Landing system

TABLE 23. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF SEATS VS. CAPABILITY GROUP

						1976						ALL	
						LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, RA	LRN, ML	NO GROUP	CRAFT	
1 SEAT	94	9	35	2	0	12	2	1	0	0	6409	6560	
ROW %	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.7	100.0	
COLUMN %	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.0	10.0	5.1	
2 SEATS	3986	1336	1007	13	19	59	6	3	0	0	25946	32333	
ROW %	12.3	4.1	3.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.2	100.0	
COLUMN %	33.8	11.1	2.8	0.2	2.1	1.1	2.6	1.4	1.4	0.0	40.6	25.1	
3 SEATS	316	39	27	3	7	8	1	1	1	1	5353	5744	
ROW %	5.5	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.2	100.0	
COLUMN %	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.9	8.4	4.5
4 SEATS	6179	8799	17531	384	132	497	40	28	3	3	22580	55552	
ROW %	11.1	15.8	31.6	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	40.6	100.0	
COLUMN %	52.5	73.2	49.2	7.3	14.8	8.9	17.4	13.5	13.5	5.6	35.3	43.1	
5 SEATS	507	735	2533	138	30	168	10	9	0	0	1570	5505	
ROW %	9.2	13.4	46.0	2.5	0.5	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	28.5	100.0	
COLUMN %	4.3	6.1	7.1	2.6	3.4	3.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	2.5	4.3	
6 SEATS	562	1012	10418	1752	115	1804	62	59	6	6	1376	15148	
ROW %	3.7	6.7	68.8	11.6	0.8	11.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	9.1	100.0	
COLUMN %	4.8	8.4	29.2	33.3	12.9	32.5	27.0	28.4	28.4	11.1	2.2	11.8	

TABLE 23. NON-HIERARCHICAL GROUPS - NUMBER OF SEATS VS. CAPABILITY GROUP (CONTINUED)

	L	L, MB	L, MB, GS	L, MB, GS, RA	1976 LRN	RA	ML	L, MB, GS, ML	LRN, ML	NO GROUP	ALL CRAFT
7-11 SEATS	93	74	3337	2331	255	2351	72	70	21	362	6208
ROW %	1.5	1.2	53.8	37.5	4.1	37.9	1.2	1.1	0.3	5.8	100.0
COLUMN %	0.8	0.6	9.4	44.3	28.7	42.3	31.3	33.7	38.9	0.6	4.8
12-19 SEATS	24	5	223	279	90	282	20	20	9	172	703
ROW %	3.4	0.7	31.7	38.4	12.8	40.1	2.8	2.8	1.3	24.5	100.0
COLUMN %	0.2	0.0	0.6	5.1	10.1	5.1	8.7	9.6	16.7	0.3	0.5
20-49 SEATS	14	8	341	257	169	259	4	4	3	78	736
ROW %	2.0	1.1	48.3	36.4	23.9	36.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	11.0	100.0
COLUMN %	0.1	0.1	1.0	4.9	19.0	4.7	1.7	1.9	5.6	3.1	0.5
50+ SEATS	2	1	172	114	73	115	13	13	11	45	334
ROW %	0.6	0.3	51.5	34.1	21.9	34.4	3.9	3.9	3.3	13.5	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.2	8.2	2.1	5.7	6.3	20.4	3.1	0.3
UNREPORTED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34
ROW %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
COLUMN %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	11777	12018	35624	5264	890	5555	230	208	54	63925	128827
ROW %	9.1	9.3	27.7	4.1	0.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	49.6	100.0
COLUMN %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

KEY

GROUP

L:

Localizer

RA:

Radar altimeter

LRN:

Long range RNAV

ML:

Microwave landing system

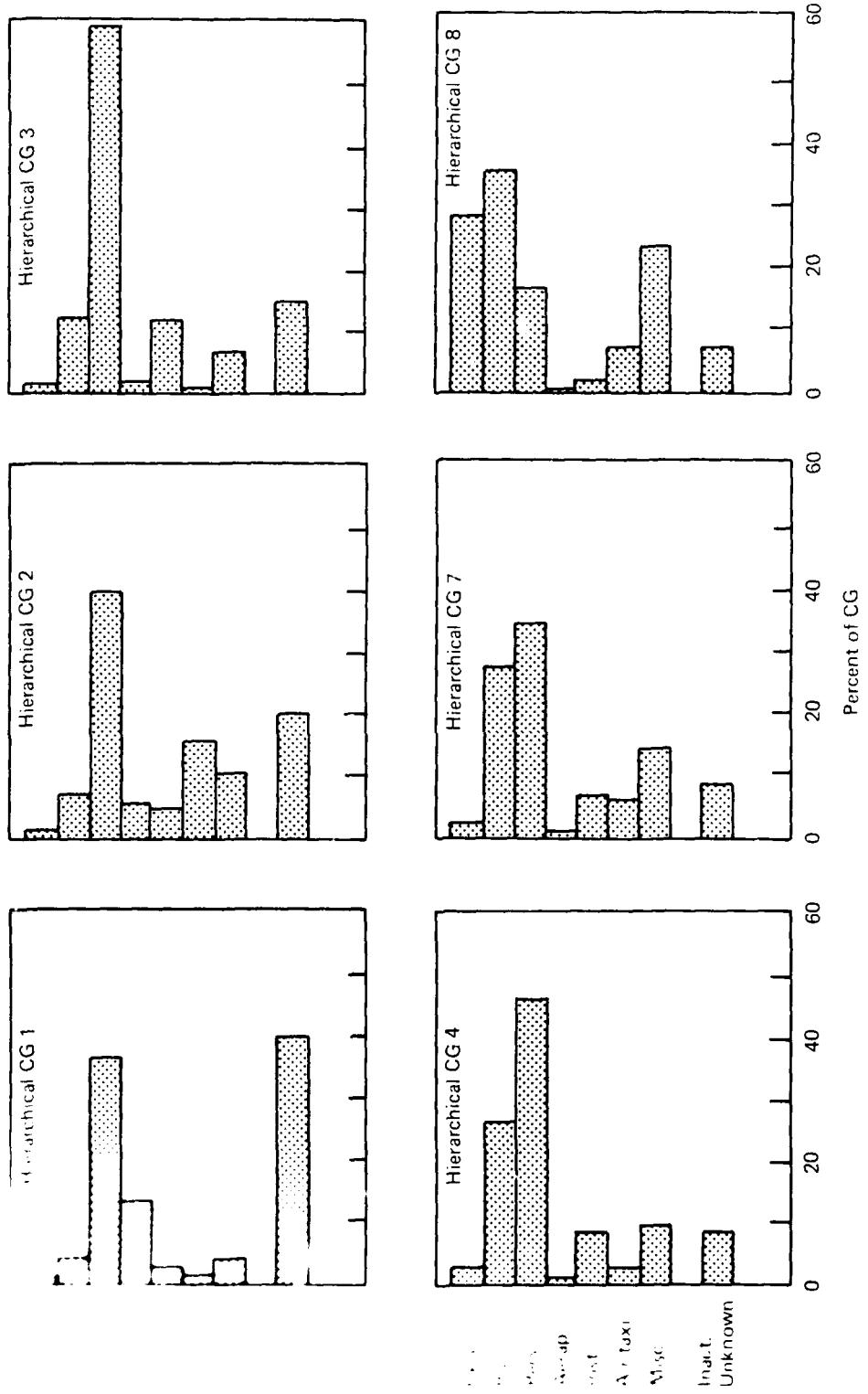


Figure 13. Percent Distribution of Hierarchical CG's by Primary Use

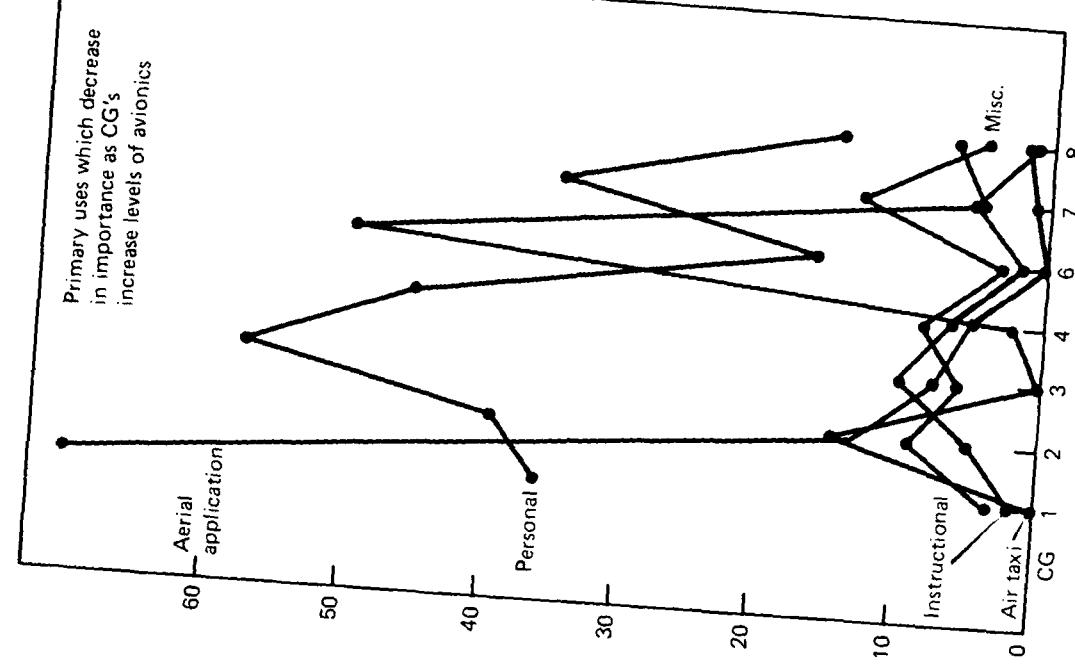
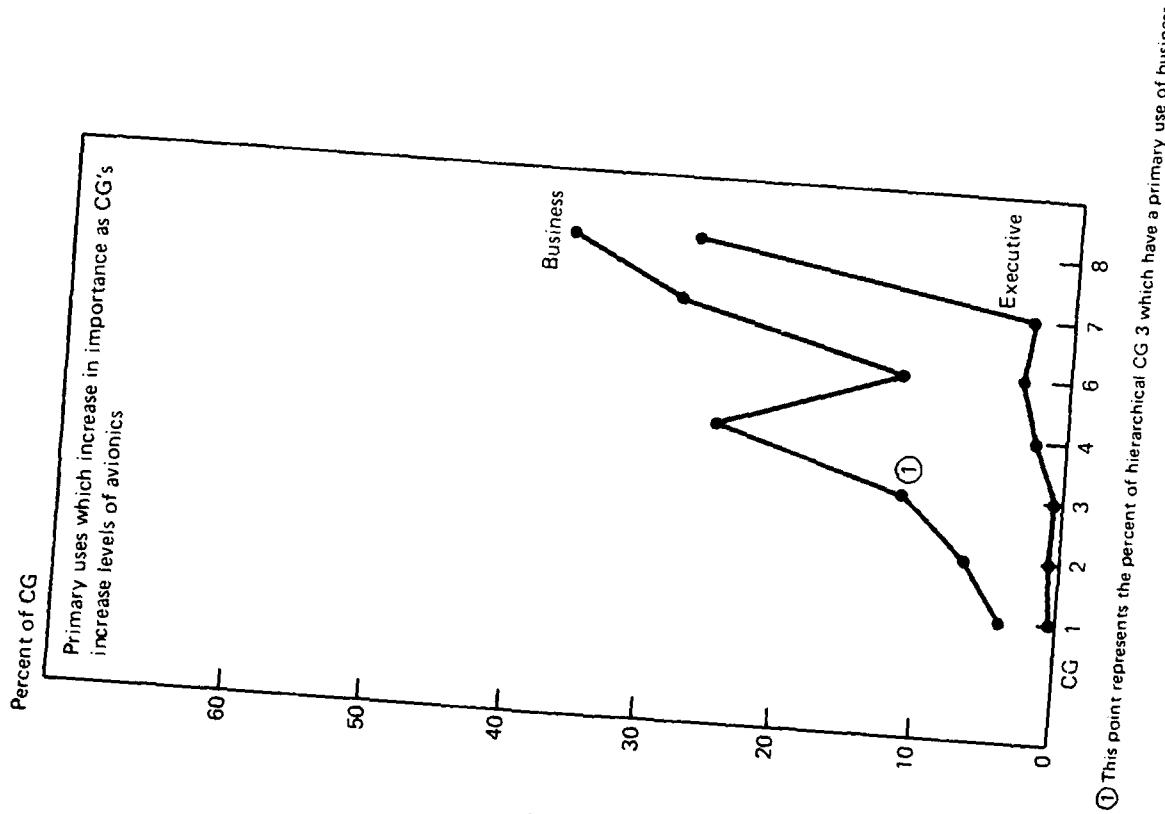


Figure 14. Primary Use Trends in Hierarchical CG's

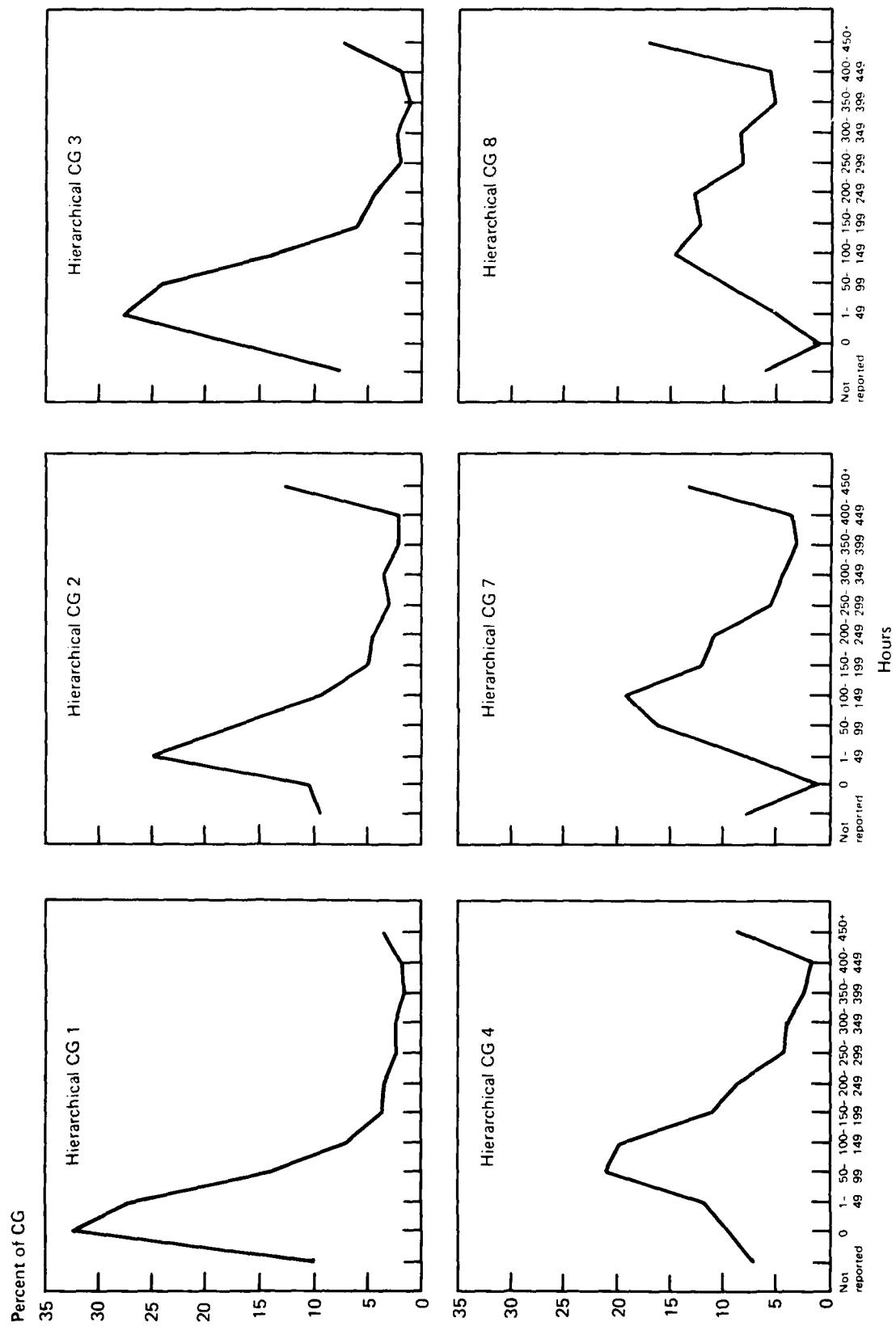


Figure 15. Percent Distribution of Hierarchical CG's by Annual Hours Flown

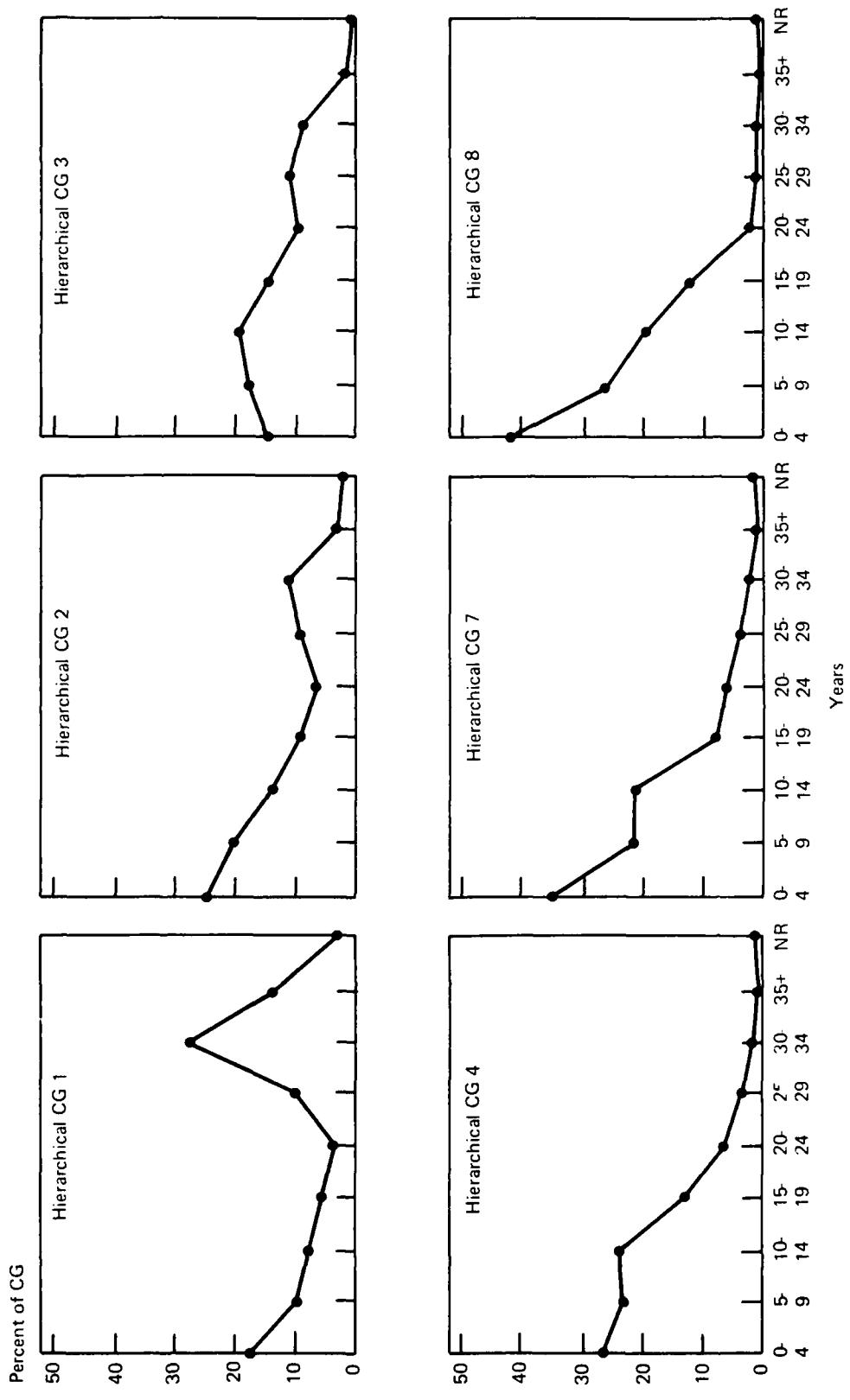


Figure 16. Percent Distribution of Hierarchical CG's by Age

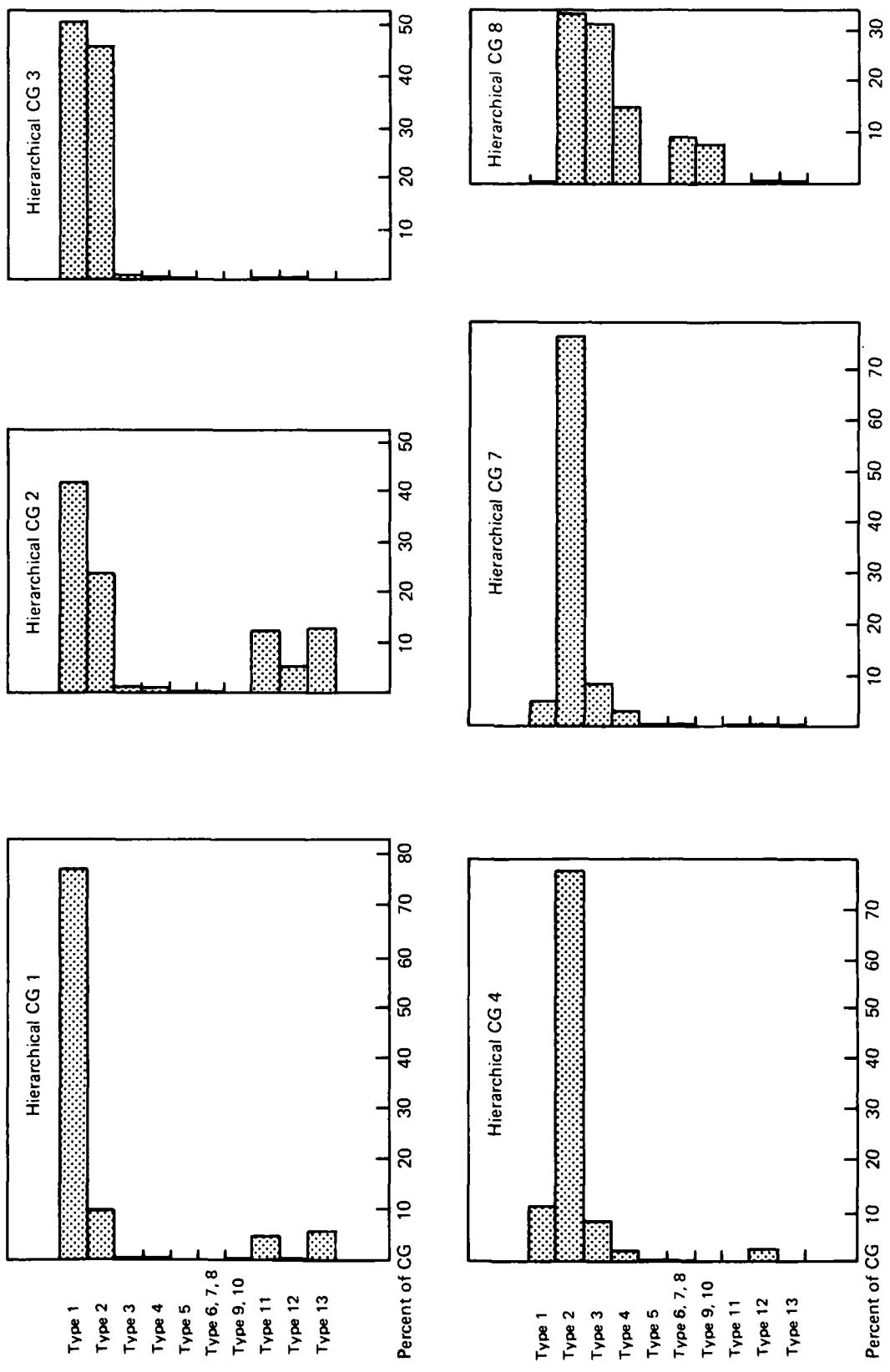


Figure 17. Percent Distribution of Hierarchical CG's by Computed Aircraft Type

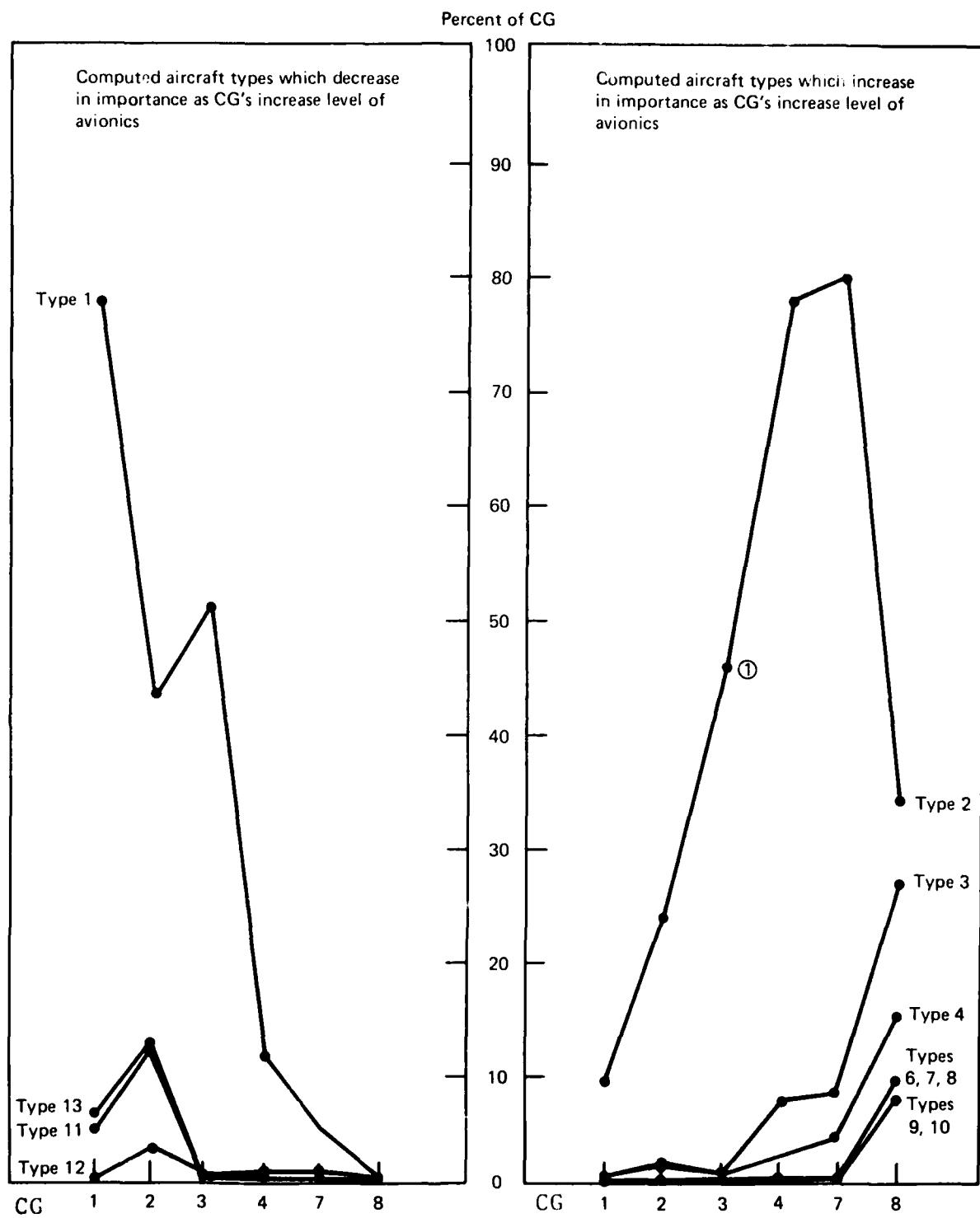


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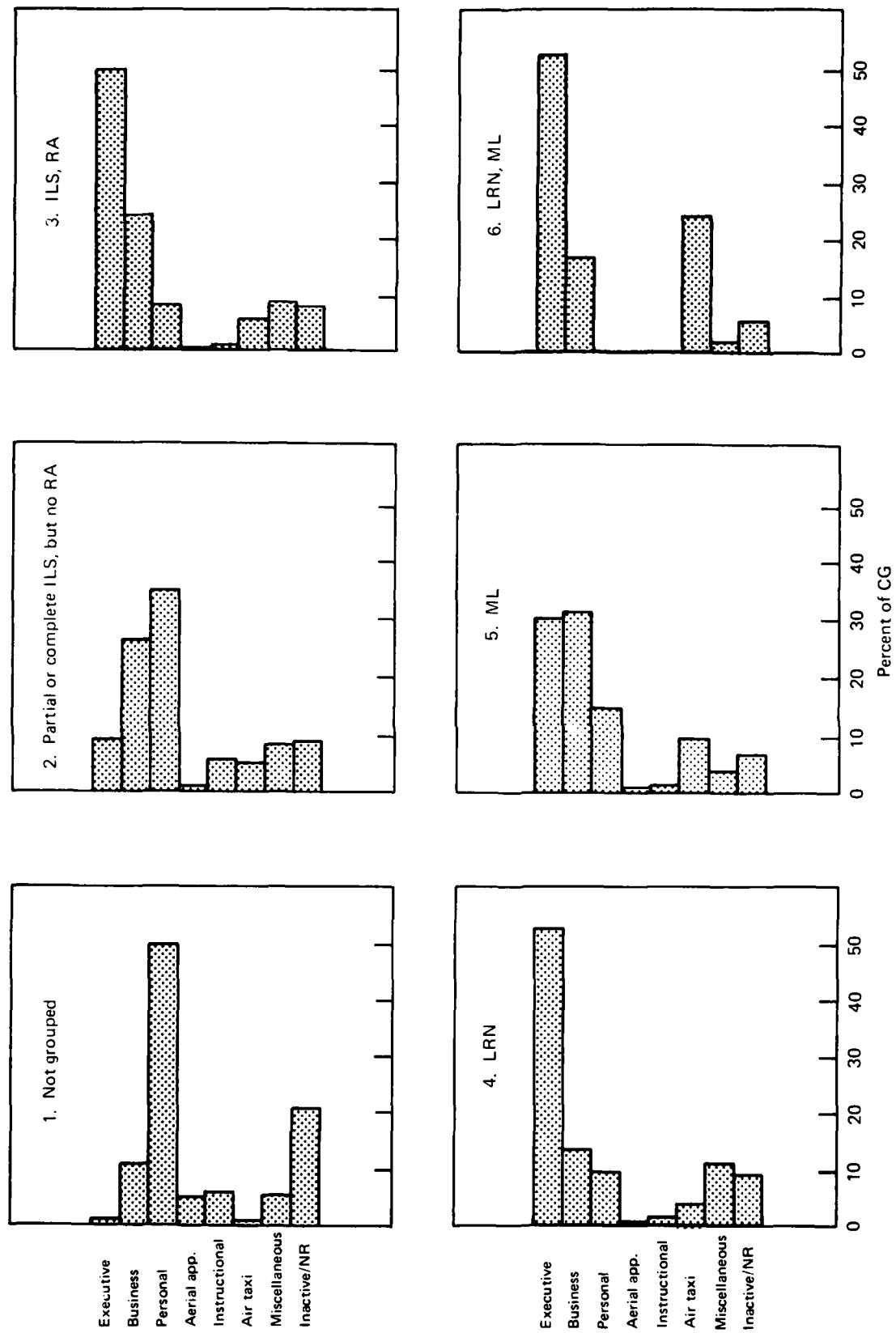


Figure 19. Percent Distribution of Non-Hierarchical CG's by Primary Use

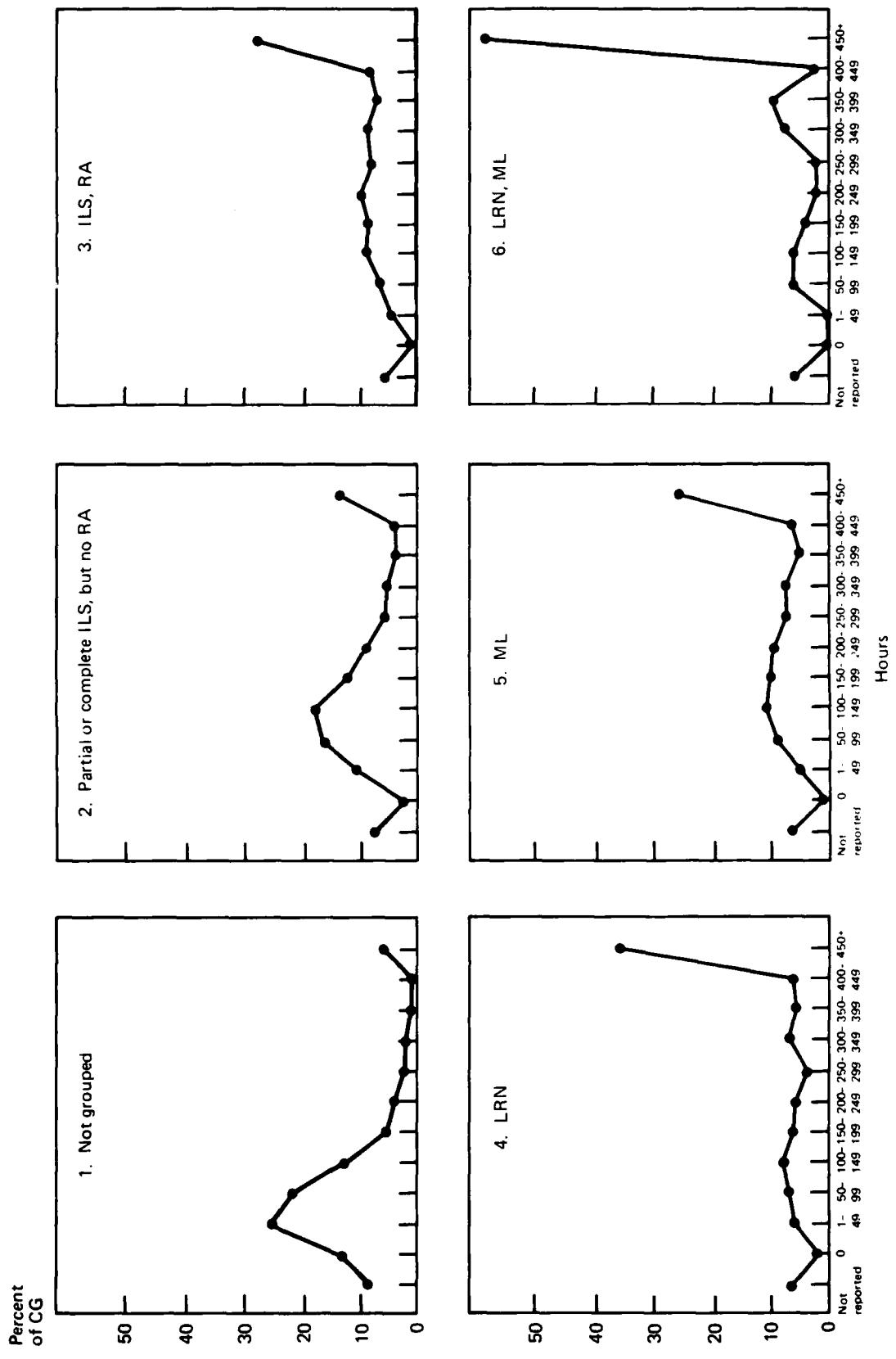


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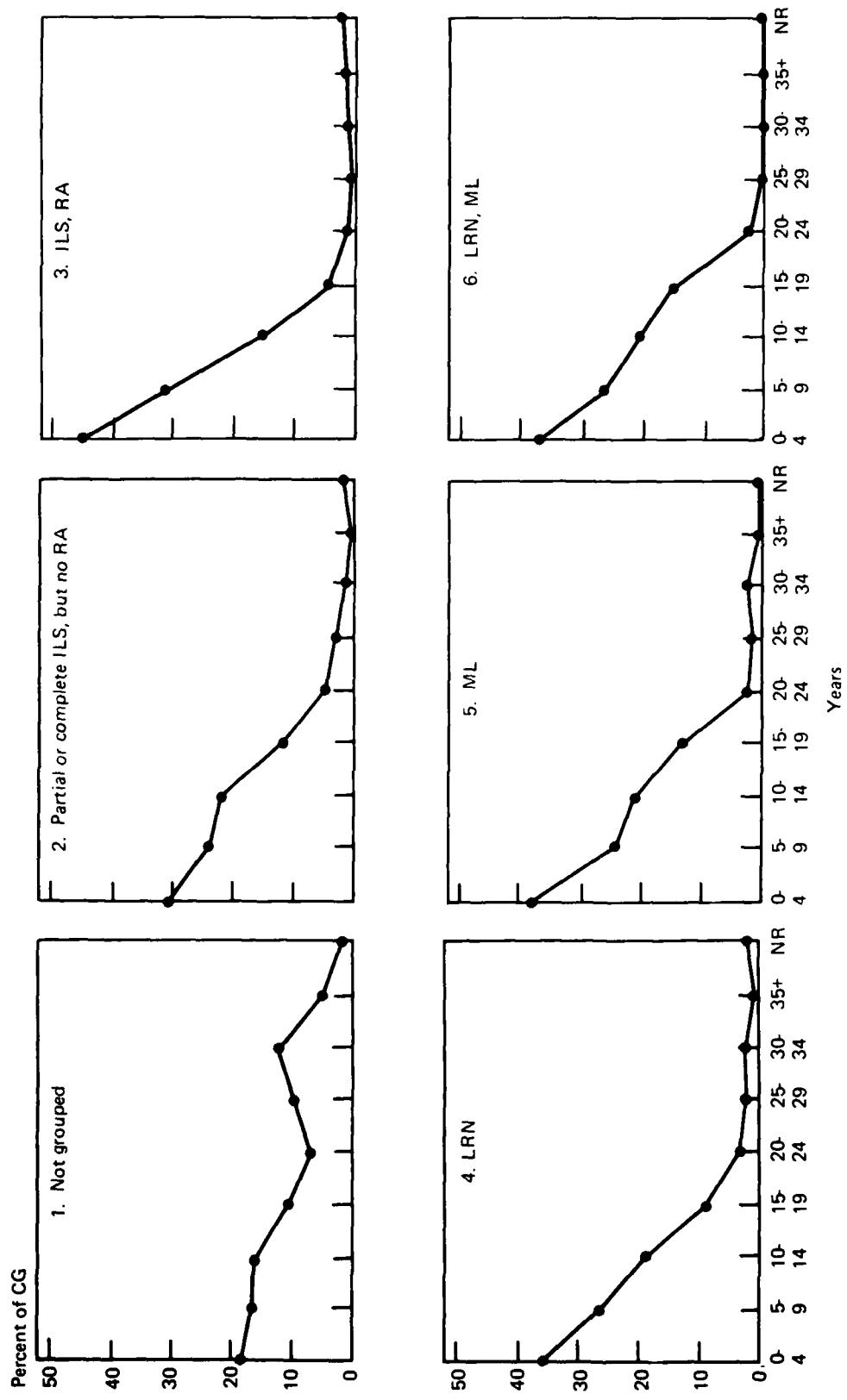


Figure 21. Percent Distribution of Non-Hierarchical CG's by Age of Aircraft

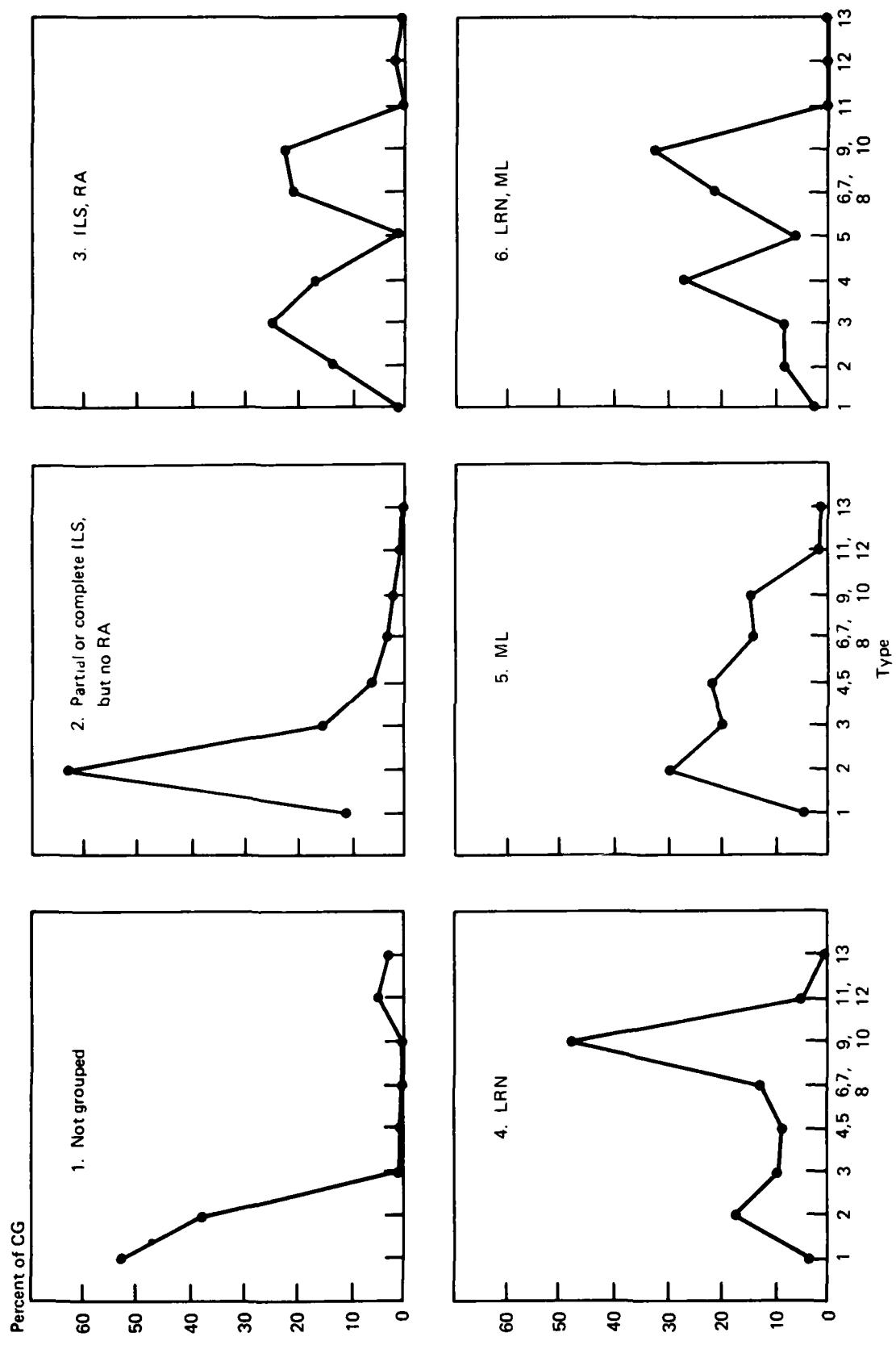


Figure 22. Percent Distribution of Non-Hierarchical CG's by Computed Aircraft Type

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APPENDIX A

AIRCRAFT STATISTICAL MASTER FILE RECORD LAYOUT

<u>Data Element</u>	<u>Field Description</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Comments</u>							
1. N-Number	A/N	1-5	5	Left adjusted							
2. Serial Number	A/N	6-20	15	Right adjusted							
3. Aircraft	Manufacturer Model Series Type	N N A/N N	21-23 24-25 26-27 28	Type Codes							
				<table> <tr> <td>1 - Glider</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 - Balloon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 - Blimp/Dirigible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 - Fixed Wing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 - Fixed Wing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 - Rotorcraft</td> </tr> </table>	1 - Glider	2 - Balloon	3 - Blimp/Dirigible	4 - Fixed Wing	5 - Fixed Wing	6 - Rotorcraft	
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4. Engine	Type Manufacturer Model	N N N	29 30-32 33-34	Type Codes							
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6 - Ram Jet											
9 - Unknown											
5. Engine Horsepower (each engine)	N	35-39	5	Tens of pounds of thrust for turbojet only							
6. Number of Engines	N	40-41	2								
7. Number of Seats	N	42-44	3								
8. Weight	N	45-51	7								
9. Cruise Speed	N	52-55	4	Maximum gross takeoff 75% of average cruising speed times hours flown - miles flown							
10. Wing Code	A/N	56	1	<table> <tr> <td>1 - Low Wing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 - High Wing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 - Biwing</td> </tr> </table>	1 - Low Wing	2 - High Wing	3 - Biwing				
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11. Aircraft Category Code	N	57	1	1 - Land 2 - Sea 3 - Amphibian
12. Amateur Certification Code	A/N	58	1	Blank - Not Amateur 1 - Amateur Certification
13. Fuel Consumed	N	59-64	6	Fuel consumed per engine. Gallons of fuel consumed per hour, recorded in 2 decimal positions, decimal assumed.
14. Airworthiness Class	N	65	1	1 - Standard 2 - Limited 3 - Restricted 4 - Experimental 5 - Provisional 6 - Multiple 8 - Special Flight Permit
15. Approved Operations Code	A/N	66	1	øø is unknown
16. Year Manufactured	N	67-68	2	1 - Air carrier aircraft type Type unknown
17. G/A Indicator	A/N	69	1	X - Aircarrier aircraft type Passenger
				Y - Air carrier aircraft type Cargo/Passenger
				Z - Air carrier aircraft type Cargo

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				3 - General aviation continuous maintenance
				1 - Individual 2 - Partnership 3 - Corporation 4 - Co-ownership 5 - Government
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Region	A/N	76	1	
State	N	77-78	2	
GADO	A/N	79-81	3	
County	N	82-84	3	
Site	A/N	85-93	9	
21. Owner				
Zip	N	94-98	5	
Region	A/N	99	1	
State	N	100-101	2	
GADO	A/N	102-104	3	
County	N	105-107	3	
22. Operator				
Zip	N	108-112	5	
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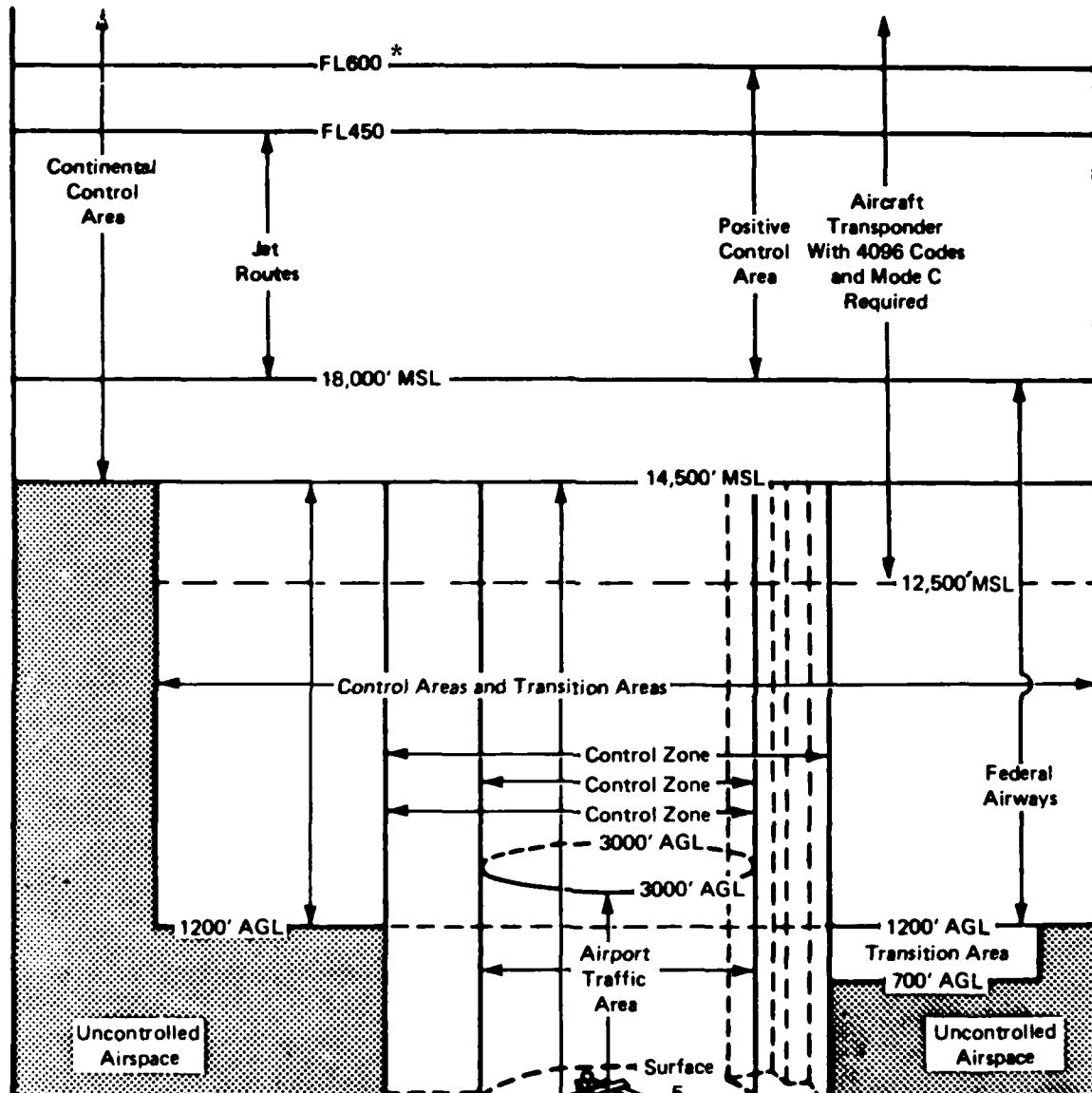
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23. Hours Flown by Use				Distribution of previous owner's hours included in other 9 use categories
Executive	A/N	122-125	4	
Business	A/N	126-129	4	
Personal	A/N	130-133	4	
Aerial Application	A/N	134-137	4	
Instructional	A/N	138-141	4	
Air Taxi	A/N	142-145	4	
Industrial/Special	A/N	146-149	4	
Rental	A/N	150-153	4	
Other	A/N	154-157	4	
Previous Owner	A/N	158-161	4	
24. Not Flown	A/N	162	1	1 - Inactive Blank - Active
25. Primary Use	N	163	1	Ø - Unknown or not reported 1 - Executive 2 - Business 3 - Personal 4 - Aerial application 5 - Instruction 6 - Air taxi 7 - Industrial/special 8 - Aircraft rental business 9 - Other
26. VHF Communications Equipment				Blank - None reported Ø - None 1 - Yes
360 Channels or Less	A/N	164	1	
720 Channels or More	A/N	165	1	
More than One	A/N	166	1	
None	A/N	167	1	

Item	Field Description	Position	Length	Comments
27. Transponder Equipment				
4096 Code	A/N	168	1	
Altitude Encoding	A/N	169	1	
None	A/N	170	1	
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28. Navigation Equipment				
100 Channel VOR	A/N	171	1	
200 Channel VOR	A/N	172	1	
More than 1 VOR	A/N	173	1	
ADF	A/N	174	1	
DME	A/N	175	1	
RNAV	A/N	176	1	
Long Range RNAV	A/N	177	1	
Auto Pilot	A/N	178	1	
Radar Altimeter	A/N	179	1	
None	A/N	180	1	
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29. Instrument Landing Equipment				
Localizer	A/N	181	1	
Marker Beacon	A/N	182	1	
Glide Scope	A/N	183	1	
MLS	A/N	184	1	
None	A/N	185	1	
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30. Certification Issue Date				
Month	N	186-187	2	
Day	N	188-189	2	
Year	N	190-191	2	
31. Date Entered System				
Month	N	192-193	2	
Day	N	194-195	2	
Year	N	196-197	2	
32. Statistical Year	N	198-199	2	
33. Imputed Hours	N	200	1	1 - Yes (imputed) # - No (reported)

<u>Data Element</u>	<u>Field Description</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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36. Aircraft Manufacturer Name	A/N	205-234	30	
37. Aircraft Model & Series Name	A/N	235-254	20	
38. Engine Manufacturer Name	A/N	255-264	10	
39. Engine Model Name	A/N	265-277	13	
40. Airport State Name	A/N	278-292	15	
41. Airport County Name	A/N	293-314	22	
42. Airport Name	A/N	315-344	30	
43. Engine Sort Code	N	345	1	{ Engine types 1 -- Engine sort code 1 2 -- 2,3 -- 4 -- 4,5,6,9 --
44. Total Recalcitrant	N	346	1	{ 1 - Yes # - No
45. Total Air Frame	N	347-351	5	
46. Blank	A/N	352	1	

APPENDIX B
AIRSPACE STRUCTURE

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General Dimensions of Control Zones, Airport Traffic Areas, and the Vertical Extent of Airspace Segments.

* FL600 means "Flight Level 60,000 feet MSL"

Airman's Information Manual, Basic Flight Manual and ATC Procedures, Part 1, (May, 1976), p. 1-23.

APPENDIX B (CONTINUED)

WEATHER CATEGORY DEFINITIONS¹

Category	Definition (Ceiling in ft., Visibility in mi.)
VFR	\geq 1500 ft. ² and 3 mi.
IFR 0	< 1500 ft. and/or 3 mi., but \geq 400 ft. and 1 mi.
IFR I	< 400 ft. and/or 1 mi., but \geq 200 ft. and 1/2 mi.
IFR II	< 200 ft. and/or 1/2 mi., but \geq 100 ft. and 1/4 mi.
IFR III	< 100 ft. and/or 1/4 mi.

¹Ceiling-Visibility Climatological Study and Systems Enhancement Factors (Washington, 1975), p. 15.

²This altitude may vary depending on the minimum approach altitude for the airport.

APPENDIX B, (CONTINUED)

Summary of Major Airspace Designated Areas

Designation	Measure	Present system 1975	Future system	
			In plan 1976-85	Total 1985
En route:				
Jet routes	Number	216	-66	150
Jet area navigation routes	Number	163	+47	200
Low altitude routes:				
Low frequency	Number	24	-24	0
VHF/UHF	Number	462	-214	248
Area navigation VHF	Number	8	+192	200
Area positive control	Altitude (FL)			
Conterminous U.S.	180-600			180-600
Alaska	240-600			240-600
Parallel	Number	0	+500	500
Three dimensional	Number	0	+1000	1000
Terminal:				
Control zones	Number	806	+287	1093
Transition areas	Number	1,495	-9	1486
Control area extension	Number	1	—	1
Terminal control areas (Group I & II)	Number	18	3	21
STARs/SIDs	Number	414	-239	175
RNAV STARs/SIDs	Number	2	+448	450
Special use:				
Prohibited areas	Number	7	+2	9
Restricted areas				
Joint use	Square Miles	1,626	—	—
Nonjoint use	Square Miles	77,639	—	—
Warning areas	Number	163	+6	169
Alert areas	Number	29	-18	11
Jet training areas	Number	68	-33	35
	Square Miles	408,970	—	—
	Number	35	-5	30
	Number	35	-5	30
	Square Miles	87,183	—	—

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Airborne Equipment Requirements

Types of Airspace	Flight condition	Equipment Requirements	
		1975	1985
Uncontrolled.....	VFR (day)	1. Airspeed indicator 2. Altimeter 3. Compass 4. Tachometer 5. Oil temperature 6. Emergency locator transmitter ¹	7. Manifold pressure 8. Fuel gage 9. Landing gear 10. Belts 11. Special equipment for over water flights (FAR 91.33)
Uncontrolled.....	VFR (night)	All above plus: 1. Position lights 2. Anti-collision light	3. Landing light (if for hire) 4. Electrical source
Uncontrolled.....	IFR	Same as VFR plus: 1. Two-way radio 2. Navigation system 3. Gyro turn/bank 4. Sensitive altimeter adjustable for barometric pressure 5. Clock with sweep second hand	Same as 1975
Controlled (non-positive).....	VFR	Same as uncontrolled VFR plus transponder ²	Same as 1975
	IFR	Same as uncontrolled IFR plus transponder ²	Same as 1975
Positive control.....	VFR	Requires prior ATC approval	Same as 1975
	IFR	Same as uncontrolled IFR plus: 1. DME (if VOR/TACAN equipment carried) 2. Transponder ¹ 3. VOR (In TCA's) 4. ADF (Air Carrier only) 5. ILS (Air Carrier only)	Same as 1975

¹ Does not apply to turbojet aircraft, scheduled air carriers (except charter), or certain training and agricultural flights.

² 4096 code, Mode 3A transponder with Mode C automatic altitude reporting capability will be required at Group I and II TCA Locations and in APC, and in controlled airspace of the 48 States above 12,500 feet. All non-participating aircraft operating within Group III TCA's will be transponder equipped with Mode C capability.

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National Terminal Radar Programs

Location	Terminal airspace designation	Equipment Requirements		Services provided
		Present	Under Consideration	
Top 9 Large Hub locations.	Group I TCA	(Effective Jan 1, 1975) 4096 Code Transponder and Mode C Automatic Altitude Reporting Ca- pability; Two-way Radio; VOR or TACAN Receiver.	Relaxation of Transponder Requirements During Periods of Low Activity.	TCA Procedures
Next 12 Large Hub locations	Group II TCA	(Effective July 1, 1975) 4096 Code Transponder and Mode C Automatic Altitude Reporting Ca- pability; Two-way Radio; VOR or TACAN Receiver.	Deletion of Altitude Encoding Requirement. (Has been deleted)	TCA Procedures
Remaining 42 ARTS-III locations.	Group III TCA	(Effective July 1, 1975) 4096 Code Transponder and Mode C Automatic Altitude Reporting Ca- pability <i>or</i> Two-way Radio Communications.		TCA Procedures
All other radar facilities	TRSA where Stage III service is provided	-----	-----	Stage II or III service

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Designated Terminal Airspace (All ARTS-III Locations);
Terminal Control Areas

GROUP I	Date designated or planned	GROUP II	Date designated or planned
1. Atlanta.....	June 1970	1. St. Louis	Jan. 1974
2. Chicago.....	Aug. 1970	2. Seattle	Jan. 1974
3. Washington National.....	Feb. 1971	3. Minneapolis	Feb. 1974
4. New York (LGA, JFK, EWR).....	Sept. 1971	4. Denver	Mar. 1974
5. Los Angeles.....	Sept. 1971	5. Houston	Mar. 1974
6. San Francisco.....	Dec. 1972	6. Cleveland	May 1974
7. Boston.....	Feb. 1973	7. Detroit	May 1974
8. Miami.....	Apr. 1973	8. Pittsburgh	May 1974
9. Dallas.....	Jan. 1974	9. Las Vegas	Nov. 1974
		10. Philadelphia	Mar. 1975
		11. Kansas City	Mar. 1975
		12. New Orleans	Jul. 1975

Group III Terminal Areas (42 locations)

Albany	El Paso	Omaha	San Diego
Albuquerque	Hartford	Orlando	San Juan
Baltimore	Honolulu	Portland, Oreg.	Santa Ana/Long Beach
Birmingham	Indianapolis	Phoenix	Shreveport
Buffalo	Jacksonville	Providence	Syracuse
Burbank	Louisville	Raleigh-Durham	Tampa
Charlotte	Memphis	Ontario, California	Tucson
Cincinnati	Milwaukee	Rochester, N.Y.	Tulsa
Columbus, Ohio	Nashville	Sacramento	Washington-Dulles
Dayton	Norfolk	Salt Lake City	
Des Moines	Oklahoma City	San Antonio	

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GLOSSARY*

Aerial Application - Aerial application in agriculture consists of those activities that involve the discharge of materials from aircraft in flight and a miscellaneous collection of minor activities that do not require the distribution of any materials.

Air Carrier - The term "Air Carrier", as used in this report, refers to aircraft operators certified by the Federal Aviation Administration for the transportation by air of persons, property, and mail.

Air Carrier Operations - Aircraft operations under certificates of public convenience and necessity, issued by the CAB, authorizing the performance of scheduled air transportation over specified routes and a limited amount of nonscheduled operations.

Airport Advisory Area - The area within five statute miles of an airport not served by a control tower, i.e., there is no tower or the tower is not in operation, on which is located a Flight Service Station.

Airport Traffic Area - Unless otherwise specifically designated in FAR Part 93, that airspace within a horizontal radius of 5 statute miles from the geographical center of any airport at which a control tower is operating, extending from the surface up to, but not including, an altitude of 3,000 feet above the elevation of the airport. Unless otherwise authorized or required by ATC, no person may operate an aircraft within an airport traffic area except for the purpose of landing at, or taking off from, an airport within that area. ATC authorization may be given as individual approval of specific operations or may be contained in written agreements between airport users and the town concerned. (Refer to FAR Parts 1 and 91.)

Airport Traffic Control Tower - A central operations facility in the terminal air traffic control system, consisting of tower cab structure, including an associated common IFR room if radar equipped, using air/ground communications and/or radar, visual signalling and other devices, to provide safe and expeditious movement of terminal air traffic.

*These definitions have been taken from the following three sources: Airman's Information Manual, Part 1, Census of U.S. Civil Aircraft, Calendar Year 1976, and FAA Air Traffic Activity, Calendar Year 1976.

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Air Taxi Operations - Air Taxi operations (takeoffs and landings) carry passengers, mail or cargo for revenue in accordance with FAR Part 135.

Airway/Federal Airway - A control area or portion thereof established in the form of a corridor, the centerline of which is defined by radio navigational aids. (Refer to FAR Part 7.)

Altitude - The height of the level, point or object measured in feet Above Ground Level (AGL) or from Mean Sea Level (MSL).

1. MSL Altitude - Altitude, expressed in feet measured from mean sea level.
2. AGL Altitude - Altitude, expressed in feet measured above ground level.
3. Indicated Altitude - The altitude as shown by an altimeter. On a pressure or barometric altimeter it is altitude as shown uncorrected for instrument error and uncompensated for variation from standard atmospheric conditions.

Area Navigation/RNAV - A method of navigation that permits aircraft operations on any desired course within the coverage of station-referenced navigation signals or within the limits of self-contained system capability. (Refer to FAR Part 71.)

- a. Area Navigation Low Route - An area navigation route within the airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface of the earth to, but not including, 18,000 feet MSL.
- b. Area Navigation High Route - An area navigation route within the airspace extending upward from and including 18,000 feet MSL to flight level 450.
- c. Random Area Navigation Routes/Random RNAV Routes - Direct routes, based on area navigation capability, between waypoints, defined in terms of degree/distance fixes or offset from published or established routes/airways at specified distance and direction.
- d. RNAV Waypoint/W/P - A predetermined geographical position used for route or instrument approach definition or progress reporting purposes that is defined to a VORTAC station position.

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Automatic Altitude Reporting - That function of a transponder which responds to Mode C interrogations by transmitting the aircraft's altitude in 100-foot increments.

Automatic Direction Finder/ADF - An aircraft radio navigation system which senses and indicates the direction to a L/MF nondirectional radio beacon (NDB) ground transmitter. Direction is indicated to the pilot as a magnetic bearing or as a relative bearing to the longitudinal axis of the aircraft depending on the type of indicator installed in the aircraft. In certain applications, such as military, ADF operations may be based on airborne and ground transmitters in the VHF/UHF frequency spectrum.

Balloon - A lighter-than-air aircraft that is not engine driven.

Business Transportation - Any use of an aircraft not for compensation or hire by an individual for the purposes of transportation required by a business in which he is engaged.

Certificated Pilot - A person who holds a certificate issued by FAA, which qualified him to operate aircraft within the limitations prescribed on the certificate.

Colored (L/MF) Airway - Low altitude airway over the state of Alaska predicated on L/MF navigation aids. It is depicted on aeronautical charts by color and number.

Continental United States - The 49 states located on the continent of North America and the District of Columbia.

Conterminous U.S. - The forty-eight adjoining states and the District of Columbia.

Controlled Airport - An airport at which a control tower is in operation.

Controlled Airspace - Airspace, designated as a continental control area, control area, control zone, terminal control area, or transition area, within which some or all aircraft may be subject to air traffic control (Refer to FAR Part 71.)

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Types of U.S. Controlled Airspace:

- a. Continental Control Area - The airspace of the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and Alaska, excluding the Alaska peninsula west of Long. 160 00'00"W at and above 14,500 MSL, but does not include:
 1. The airspace less than 1,500 feet above the surface of the earth or,
 2. Prohibited and restricted areas, other than the restricted areas listed in FAR Part 71.
- b. Control Area - Airspace designated as Colored Federal Airways, VOR Federal Airways, Terminal Control Areas, Additional Control Areas, and Control Area Extensions, but not including the Continental Control Area. Unless otherwise designated, control areas also include the airspace between a segment of a main VOR airway and its associated alternate segments. The vertical extents of the various categories of airspace contained in control areas are defined in FAR Part 71.
- c. Control Zone - Controlled airspace which extends upward from the surface and terminates at the base of the continental control area. Control zones that do not underlie the continental area have no upper limit. A control zone may include one or more airports and is normally a circular area within a radius of 5 statute miles and any extensions necessary to include instrument approach and departure paths.
- d. Terminal Control Area/TCA - Controlled airspace extending upward from the surface or higher to specified altitudes within which all aircraft are subject to operating rules and pilot and equipment requirements specified in FAR Part 91. TCA's are depicted on Sectional, World Aeronautical, En Route Low Altitude and TCA charts. (Refer to FAR Part 91).
- e. Transition Area - Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth when designated in conjunction with an airport for which an approved instrument approach procedure has been prescribed, or from 1,200 feet or more above the surface of the earth when designated in conjunction with airway route structures or segments. Unless otherwise limited, transition areas

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terminate at the base of the overlying controlled airspace. Transition areas are designed to contain IFR operations in controlled airspace during portions of the terminal operations and while transiting between the terminal and en route environment.

Dirigible - A lighter-than-air aircraft, engine propelled, with an inward metal frame which maintains its shape.

Distance Measuring Equipment/DME - Equipment (airborne and ground) used to measure, in nautical miles, the slant range distance of an aircraft from the DME navigation aid.

En Route - The route of flight from point of departure to point of destination, including intermediate stops (excludes local operations).

Executive Transportation - Any use of an aircraft by a corporation, company or other organization for the purposes of transporting its employees and/or property not for compensation or hire and employing professional pilots for the operation of the aircraft.

FAA - Federal Aviation Administration.

Fixed-Wing Aircraft - Aircraft having wings fixed to the airplane fuselage and outspread in flight, i.e., nonrotating wings.

Flight Service Station/FSS - Air Traffic Service facilities within the National Airspace System (NAS) which provide preflight pilot briefing and en route communications with VFR flights, assist lost IFR/VFR aircraft, assist aircraft having emergencies, relay ATC clearances, originate, classify, and disseminate Notices to Airmen, broadcast aviation weather and NAS information, receive and close flight plans, monitor radio NAVAIDS, notify search and rescue units of missing VFR aircraft, and operate the national weather teletypewriter systems. In addition, at selected locations FSS's take weather observations, issue airport advisories, administer airman written examinations, advise Customs and Immigration of transborder flight.

General Aviation/GA - That portion of civil aviation which encompasses all facets of aviation except air carriers holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil Aeronautics Board, and large aircraft commercial operators.

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General Aviation Aircraft - All civil aircraft except those classified as air carrier.

Group I Terminal Control Area - A TCA representing one of the nine busiest locations in the U.S. in terms of aircraft operations and passengers carried within which it is necessary for safety reasons to have strict requirements for operation.

Group II Terminal Control Area - A TCA representing one of the twelve less busy locations than a Group I TCA and requiring less stringent pilot and equipment requirements.

Group III Terminal Control Area - One of the 43 least busy TCA's where an ARTS-III system exists.

IFR Conditions - Weather conditions below the minimum for flight under visual rules.

Industrial/Special - Any use of an aircraft for specialized work allied with industrial activity; excluding transportation and aerial application. (Examples: pipe line patrol; survey; advertising; photography; helicopter hoist; etc.)

Instructional Flying - Any use of an aircraft for the purposes of formal instruction with the flight instructor aboard, or with the maneuvers on the particular flight(s) specified by the flight instructor.

Instrument Flight Rules/IFR - Rules governing the procedures for conducting instrument flight. Also a term used by pilots and controllers to indicate type of flight plan (See Visual Flight Rules).

Instrument Landing System/ILS - A precision instrument approach system consisting of the following electronic components and visual aids:

- a. Localizer
- b. Glide Slope
- c. Outer Marker
- d. Middle Marker
- e. Approach Lights

Refer to FAR Part 91.

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Jet Route - A route designed to serve aircraft operations from 18,000 feet MSL up to and including flight level 450. The routes are referred to as "J" routes with numbering to identify the designated route, e.g., J 105. (Refer to FAR Part 71.)

Low Altitude Airway Structure/Federal Airways - The network of airways serving aircraft operations up to but not including 18,000 feet MSL. (See Airway.)

Microwave Landing System/MLS - An instrument landing system operating in the microwave spectrum which provides lateral and vertical guidance to aircraft having compatible avionics equipment. (See Instrument Landing System.)

Non-Positive Controlled Airspace - Controlled airspace below 18,000 feet MSL.

Personal and Pleasure Flying - Any use of an aircraft for personal purposes not associated with business or profession, and not for hire. This includes maintenance of pilot proficiency.

Pilot Briefing - Information furnished a pilot to assist in flight planning. Principal items are weather conditions, notices to airmen, routes, and preparation and handling of the flight plan.

Piston-Powered Aircraft - An aircraft operated by engines in which pistons moving back and forth work upon a crank shaft or other device to create rotational movement.

Positive Controlled Area/PCA - Airspace designated in FAR Part 71 wherein aircraft are required to be operated under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). Vertical extent of PCA is from 18,000 feet to and including flight level 600 throughout most of the conterminous United States and from flight level 240 to and including flight level 600 in designated portions of Alaska.

Radio Altimeter/Radar Altimeter - Aircraft equipment which makes use of the reflection of radio waves from the ground to determine the height of the aircraft above the surface.

Region (FAA) - A principal subdivision of the Federal Aviation Administration organized to carry out FAA programs under the executive direction of a regional director within the specific geographic boundaries.

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Registered Aircraft - Aircraft registered with FAA.

Rotorcraft - A heavier-than-air aircraft that derives lift from one or more revolving "wings" or blades, engine-driven about an approximately vertical axis. A rotorcraft does not have conventional fixed wings, nor in any but some earlier models is provided with a conventional propeller, forward thrust and lift being furnished by the rotor. The powered rotor blades also enable the machine to hover, and to land and take off vertically.

Transponder - The airborne radar beacon receiver/transmitter portion of the Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon System (ATCRBS), which automatically receives signals from interrogations being received on the mode to which it is set to respond.

Turbine-Powered Aircraft - Includes aircraft with either turbojet, turbofan, turboprop, or turboshaft engines.

Turbojet - Aircraft operated by jet engines incorporating a turbine-driven air compressor to take in and compress the air for the combustion of fuel, the gases of combustion (or the heated air) being used both to rotate the turbine and to create a thrust-producing engine.

Turboprop - Aircraft in which the main propulsive force is supplied by a gas turbine-driven conventional propeller. Additional propulsive force may be supplied from the discharge turbine engine gas.

Uncontrolled Airport - Also known as a non-tower airport, an airport at which no control tower is in operation. It may have an FSS, UNICOM operator, or no facility at all.

Uncontrolled Airspace - That portion of the airspace that has not been designated as continental control area, control area, control zone, terminal control area, or transition area. (See Controlled Airspace).

UNICOM - A non-government air/ground radio communication facility, which may provide airport advisory service at certain airports. Locations and frequencies of UNICOM's are shown on aeronautical charts and publications.

U.S. Civil Aircraft Fleet - All aircraft under U.S. registry exclusive of Military.

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Visual Flight Rules/VFR - Rules that govern the procedures for conducting flight under visual conditions. The term "VFR" is also used in the United States to indicate weather conditions that are equal to or greater than minimum VFR requirements. In addition, it is used by pilots and controllers to indicate type of flight plan. (See Instrument Flight Rules). (Refer to FAR Part 91.)

VOR Airway - Low altitude airway designated from 1,200 feet AGL to 18,000 feet MSL predicated on VOR/VORTAC navigation aids. Also known as a "Victor" airway, it is indicated by a "V" on aeronautical charts and is numbered similarly to the U.S. highway system.

VOR/Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range Station - A ground-based electronic navigation aid transmitting very high frequency navigation signals, 360 degrees in azimuth, oriented from magnetic north. Used as the basis for navigation in the national airspace system. The VOR periodically identifies itself by morse code and may have an additional voice identification feature. Voice features may be used by ATC or FSS for transmitting instructions/information to pilots.

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